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Spring Is Doing Yardwork With Mom

THREE YEAR OLD JENNIFER MATTOON OF 34 Corey Street, Agawam helps her Mom, Donna Mattoon with some yardwork during the beautiful spring weather last Saturday. Temperatures reached into the 70's both Saturday and Sunday. Advertier/News photo by Jack Devine.

Does Not Include Salary Hikes

School Board Passes Budget Of $7.4 Million

By Joanne Brown

The School Committee Tuesday night approved a final budget figure totaling $7,401,594 on a 6-0 vote with member Donald Charest absent.

The final figure represents cuts of approximately $136,000 from what had been originally requested by all School Department personnel and is $32,000 under the current '81-'82 budget.

However, the $7.4 million total does not include any provision for salary increases currently under negotiations between the School Committee and the Agawam Education Association. According to Board Chairman Rosemary Sandlin, an as-yet-unknown amount estimated to cover possible salary increases will be submitted to Town Manager Edward Caba and to town councilors along with the detailed budget early next week.

The package as approved calls for the elimination of 9½ teaching positions due to declining enrollment and fiscal constrainsts imposed by Propostion 2½, according to Superintendent of Schools James Bruno Jr.

Budget Educationally Sound: Bruno

Bruno termed the $7.4 million request educationally sound. "We can maintain our present school system in terms of class size, basic skills, and mandated programs with this budget," he said. He has previously expressed optimism that most of the 56 teachers served notice last week of possible dismissal will be recalled if Town Council adopts the School Department budget as submitted.

Business Manager James Coon pointed out to board members that Agawam's cost per pupil continues to be one of the lowest in the state. He attributes this fact to recent school boards who have "consistently adjusted their expenditures as enrollment declined."

Coon said class size in Agawam is "not out of line." According to him, elementary classes average 25 students each while secondary classes are slightly more.

Balboni Concerned With Possible Additional Cuts

Board member Walter Balboni expressed concern with sending a budget to Town Council without including a specific figure for salary increases as has been done in previous years.

Administrators responded that they have to present the Town Council with a figure to go by, and if later circumstances demand further action, work with the council to accomplish what must be done.

Balboni said he thought the School Department had absorbed the greater share of cuts called for immediately after passage of Proposition 2½ and was "sick of education getting the shaft" when it comes to cuts.

The motion to approve the final figure of "$7.4 million plus any negotiated increases in salaries for 1982-83" was made by Roberta Doering and seconded by Jessie Fuller.

A public hearing date on this budget has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 11th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Agawam Junior High School cafeteria.

Crime Rate Increase Revised

By Stuart Parker

The Agawam Police Department issued revised figures today indicating a 20 percent increase in crime here. The state figures which reported a 118 percent increase were said to be a fault of erroneous bookkeeping.

The department said the 131 larcenies reported for 1980 were actually 550, which had given the state an improper starting figure. Police officials said when the state compared the incorrect figures with 1981 larceny figures of 600, they reported that crime here had dramatically increased far greater than it actually did.

Lack Of Manpower

Police Chief Stanley J. Chmielewski cited a lack of manpower as well as external conditions as the cause for the 20 increase, while the rest of the state enjoyed a 9 percent decrease in the crime rate.

The crimes measured in the state report were murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny, and motor vehicle theft.

Police figures show that Agawam had suffered approximately 550 larcenies, 160 burglaries, 100 motor vehicle thefts, 35 aggravated assaults, and 8 robberies during 1981.

"Going into this year larcenies are way up," said Chmielewski said. He credited this to the poor economy and the emergence of the "non-professional thief who needs a few bucks."

However, Chmielewski cautioned against taking percentages of crime at face value.

"Our murder rate has dropped 100 percent - it went from one to zero. But all it will take for our rape percentage to go soaring will be two unpaid prostitutes from Springfield, " he added.

Down So Far

Chemielewski further noted that house breaks and armed robberies are down so far this year, but added, "certain types of crime vary by popularity and with the season."

He said he expects a further rise in arrests with the full time opening of Riverside Park, and noted, "This is really going to spread us thin."

He said that in addition to the traditional police duties, the locals are the first to arrive in response to ambulance calls, fire calls, and certain emergencies faced by the Department of Public Works.

"I really could use another ten men," he said. "But I understand that Town Council is under a lot of budget pressures right now. We could probably get by with adding the three men we lost in 1962."

The population of Agawam has increased by about one-third since that time.

Chmielewski said he would use the extra men in investigation, and concluded, "We're just lucky our men are well trained and are dedicated enough to attend police academies on their own time."

Spring Cleanup Slated

The Agawam Department of Public Works wishes to announce to Agawam residents that the annual Spring Cleanup will be conducted from May 3rd through 13th.

Materials to be collected must be on the treebelt by 7:00 a.m. of the day of the scheduled collection and shall be placed separate and apart from the regular household rubbish. All small or loose items must be placed in plastic bags or in containers having a maximum capacity of 30 gallons.

Route 1 - May 3	**Route 5 - May 10**
Route 2 - May 4	**Route 6 - May 11**
Route 3 - May 5	**Route 7 - May 12**
Route 4 - May 6	**Route 8 - May 13**

Borgatti Third Democrat For Rep.

EDWARD G. BORGATTI

Edward G. Borgatti today announced that he will seek the Democratic nomination for state representative from the Third Hampden District.

Mr. Borgatti, who will shortly retire from the Agawam Police Department, is a graduate of STCC with an associates degree in law enforcement. He has been a community leader and a member of the Police Department here for the past 32 years. Twenty-two of those years were served by Borgatti as a member of the detective bureau. He was a court officer for the department for 20 years as well as the town's juvenile officer.

His interest in children, children's problems and programs are well known throughout the town. In 1968 Borgatti recognized local drug problems of our teenagers. He attended schools and seminars at Westfield State College on juvenile justice and drug abuse.

He became a local and area speaker on the problems of juvenile drug abuse. He was a prime mover and organizer or the Agawam Citizens' Organization which was created to combat teen drug abuse here. That organization is today known to the community as the Agawam Span Center.

Borgatti has been active in the Democratic party for many years as a past member of the Democratic Town Committee and as a former president of the Agawam Young Democratic Club. He is a member of the Hampden County Democratic Committee.

Borgatti has served the town in elective office as a town meeting member from Precinct 3 for 12 years and has served as precinct chairman.

He was twice elected to the town's Park and Recreation Commission and served as chairman of that board. During his tenure on the Park and Recreation Commission, he was a prime mover for the purchase of land on River Road for a town park. A later Park and Recreation Commission saw fit to award Borgatti for his contributions and named the River Road park the "Edward G. Borgatti Park" in his honor.

He was the first president of the Sacred Heart Athletic Association in 1949 and has been a fund raiser for the Agawam Athletic Association for the past 12 years. He was Easter Seal chairman in Agawam in 1978-79.

He has been involved in several other drives and committees including the St. Jude's Children Hospital Drive. He is a member of the Polish American Club in Agawam.

Borgatti has served as president of both the Agawam Police Association and the Agawam Police Patrolmen's Union. He is a veteran of the United States Navy and is a graduate of Agawam High School and a life-long resident of Agawam.

He is married to the former Stella Pylpow of Ludlow and resides at 135 Franklin street with his wife and two children, Shelley and Edward.

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SOME IMPORTANT QUESTIONS FOR AGAWAM RESIDENTS

1. DID YOU KNOW...

That the first that town council members knew about an application to the state for a $1,000,000 grant for road building and site improvement in the proposed Bowles Industrial Park development was when they read it in the SPRINGFIELD DAILY NEWS?

2. DID YOU KNOW...

That had the council, in a recent vote, voted for a tax differential between residential and commercial property...the town would not have been eligible to apply for this grant?

3. DO YOU KNOW...

What other information important to the best interests of Agawam is being withheld so that councilors cannot make valid decisions on behalf of their constituents?

4. DO YOU...

Have the feeling that control of community affairs is slipping away from the electorate?

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With the *development of the Industrial Park, our Town can create the economic growth we have been searching for...and yet uphold our interests and integrity as a Town, knowing we have a "say", as well as a stake, in that development.*

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As with any Partnership, there are responsibilities as well as benefits. To create the Industrial Park, our first responsibility is the investment of $600,000 in the project. The developer--WestMass Area Development Corporation--has already earmarked $4.6 million of its own capital for the park, including $250,000 directly solicited from the business community...a strong demonstration of faith in Agawam and in our ability to be competitive in attracting new industry.

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THE AGAWAM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE URGES TOWN COUNCILORS AND CITIZENS TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING BENEFITS OF THE INDUSTRIAL PARK PROPOSAL:

1. The Town of Agawam will be a partner in the project, with a full voice in all development decisions.
2. Approximately 4,000 people are expected to be employed at the Park when development is complete in 11 years.
3. $6.6 million in real estate taxes to the Town is projected as the park's return when fully developed.
4. WestMass, the developer, is a credible, non-profit organization that has successfully developed industrial parks in Springfield, West Springfield, and East Longmeadow, doing so ***IN PARTNERSHIP WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND CITIZENS.***

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Wagner Party Draws 650 Supporters

STATE SENATE CANDIDATE LEONARD WAGNER (right) is offered best wishes in his campaign by three supporters at his campaign kickoff last Thursday at the West Springfield-Agawam Elks Club. From left, John Mehegan, Walter Balboni, and Bruce Bernier. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

News Analysis

Subsidized Housing Plan Presented

By Stuart Parker

The public hearing of the Board of Appeals held April 22 for the 220-unit low income and elderly housing project to be located off Main Street between Suffield-South-and Adams Streets brought forth the standard arguments against multi-family housing.

The $10 million project would include 23 separate buildings on the 45-acre parcel and is designed to offer housing for 108 elderly and 22 low-income families.

Acute Need

According to Attorney David Ladizski, representative of the Environmental Housing Corporation of Newton Heights, who plan to build the complex, most of the tenants would come from Agawam's elderly and low income residents which currently are part of a 903 family waiting list for subsidized housing.

"Agawam has an acute need for subsidized housing," Ladizski said.

Need or not, most people who spoke during the public hearing at the Middle School centered their dissent on the availability and cost of town services such as sewer, water, police, and fire protection, saying the cost is prohibitive in light of Proposition 2 1/2.

Citizens, led by residents of abutting Pineview Circle and former Town Council President Paul Fieldstad, also said the project would increase traffic. They also expressed their frustration over the anti-snob zoning law which requires a town to accept as much as 10 percent of its housing stock to low-income, multi-family dwellings, as mandated by a 1969 state law.

Fieldstad said in dissent of Chapter 744, "If we're going to get this project regardless of what we do then we might as well move to Russia."

Precinct 1 Councilor Mario DeLucchi said, "I don't like the idea of people from Boston telling us what we have to do, but there are hundreds of elderly and handicapped people in this town that need a place to live."

In response to several comments from the audience, DeLucchi turned and said, "The people who are out protesting this now, will be the first to ask 'Do you have a place for my relative or friend?'"

In response to questions from Appeals Board Chairman Theodore Progulske, representatives from Environmental Housing Corporation said the developer would pay for its own refuse collection through a private contractor at no cost to the town and said snow removal and street lights usually were normally paid for by the developer, if requested by town officials.

Amount Of Traffic

Progulske also expressed concern over the amount of traffic which would increase on Pineview Circle due to the project and said he would work closely with the Boston-based firm to ensure that plans would not cause too great an increase.

A report from DPW Engineer Michael Suprenaut indicated an additional 700 cars would use Pineview Circle, Main Street and Adams Street. Suprenaut suagested plans be drawn to avoid heavy use of i Pineview Circle and Adams Street intersection, as it is not a true 90 degree angle and could be hazardous under heavier traffic condtions.

Still, residents are committed to fighting the development down to the wire and pledged to bring their fight to Boston.

The Board of Appeals has 40 days from the day of the hearing or a period agreeable to both parties to either approve or disapprove the permit. Developers can bring their case to Boston if the appeals board denies the permit.

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Bobby Orr Visits Riverside Park

VISITING RIVERSIDE PARK IN AGAWAM last week was former Boston Bruins great Bobby Orr. Orr, who is spending more and more of his time with children, enjoys a light moment with Agawam residents, from left, Kara (age 9), Krista (age 6) and Camaris (age 4) Lessard of 22 Hunington Lane. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

MIKKI'S KITCHEN

By Michele Blair Pisano

Are you getting tired of the same old plain meat and potato dishes? It seems harder and harder to prepare interesting meals these days. Usually if I'm asked to bring a hot dish to a get-together, I like to bring something different. It's called Island-Style Chicken and is very easy to prepare. In fact, all my recipes today have to do with Hawaiian or Polynesian backgrounds.

Island-Style Chicken

1 can (about 8 ounces) pineapple chunks in heavy syrup
2 pounds chicken parts (cut up parts of your choice)
2 tablespoons of shortening
1 small can College Inn Broth
2 tablespoons brown sugar
¼ cup vinegar
2 teaspoons soy sauce
1 large clove garlic, minced in squares
3 tablespoons corn starch
¼ cup water

Drain pineapple chunks, reserving syrup. In skillet, brown chicken in shortening; pour off fat. Add reserved syrup, broth, vinegar, sugar, soy, and garlic. Cover; cook over low heat 40 minutes. Add green pepper and pineapple chunks; cook 5 minutes more or until done. Stir occasionally. Combine cornstarch and water; gradually stir into sauce. Cook, stirring until thickened. Serve with cooked parsleyed rice. Makes 6 servings.

Give Us Your News Today!

SOCIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS: Please type out the information and mail or bring to our Tuesday NOON deadline. We invite brides and grooms to include a black and white photograph to run along with their announcements. These photos can be picked up at our office following publication.

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS: Please include date, time, place and telephone number of contact person for further information. Keep in mind our Thursday publication day and give us your calendar items at least one week ahead of the scheduled event.

FOR PHOTO COVERAGE: We would be happy to take a photograph of your event. Please call our office at least four days in advance, ask for **Richard Sardella or Joanne Brown** and we'll gladly do the best we can. Call us at 786-7747 or 786-8137.

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Women's Club Holds Banquet

MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM WOMEN'S CLUB, from left, Angela Bachelder, Carolyn Couchon (Junior Women's president), Karen Douglas (outgoing president of Agawam Women's Club), and Jean Goss enjoy the food and atmosphere in the Judges Chamber of the COURT HOUSE RACQUETBALL AND HEALTH FITNESS FACILITY in Feeding Hills Center. The club held their annual banquet at the club. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

Installation Of New Officers

The Agawam Junior Women's Club held their annual banquet at The Monte Carlo in West Springfield on April 22, 1982 at 6:30 p.m. Mrs. Barbara Connery conducted her final business meeting as president of the club and then passed her gavel onto incoming president Mrs. Carol Couchon.

The following slate of Executive Board members was unanimously elected to serve Mrs. Couchon for the coming year: Mrs. Maureen Scanlon, 1st vice president; Mrs. Aprille Soderman, 2nd vice president; Mrs. Nancy Petell, recording secretary; Mrs. Faith Hyland, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Sue Bonini, treasurer; Mrs. Marie Whooley, Ways and Means; Mrs. Marlene Harlin, Public Relations; Mrs. Kathy Karam, newsletter; Miss Laurel LeDuc, Friendship Hostess; and Mrs. Polly McElligott, hospitality.

F.H. Women's Club End Year

The Feeding Hills Women's Club will close its 1981-82 season on Wednesday, May 5th, with a banquet and business meeting at Page One in Westfield. A social hour is scheduled from 6 to 7 p.m. with dinner to follow.

Entertainment for the evening will be provided by Mrs. Vera Conway.

Congregational Church Sets May Day Dinner

The Ladies Aid Society of the Agawam Congregational Church will hold its annual May Day Dinner on Thursday, May 6th, in the church social room at 745 Main Street. Two sittings will take place at 5:00 and at 6:15 p.m.

Featured on the menu will be baked shad, chicken pie, mashed potatoes, peas, cabbage salad, rolls, coffee, tea, milk, and lemon delight.

Children under 12 will be admitted at reduced prices. Reservations close on Tuesday, May 4th. Call Mrs. Daniel Binnenkade, 385 School Street, or Mrs. Archie Merrill, 37 Plantation Drive, to reserve tickets.

Agawam Nurse Passes Emergency Examination

Barbara E. Garvey of Beekman Drive in Agawam is one of two Mercy Hospital Emergency Unit nurses to pass a four-hour written examination held in Boston recently, and is now among the first in the nation to be certified in the specialty of emergency nursing.

A registered nurse, Garvey joined the Mercy staff in 1975. She is now a Certified Emergency Nurse (CEN), a designation good for four years.

Administered by the Emergency Department Nurses Association, the examination measured knowledge of crisis intervention, care for critical patients and care for non-critical patients.

David Kunasek Qualifies For Award Promotion

Mr. Basil Vaphiades, Vice President of Regional Marketing has announced that David Kunasek of the West Springfield District of Prudential Insurance is the first sales agent in New England to exceed one hundred applications this year, and has fully qualified for Prudential's Spring Honor Award Program.

In doing so, he has produced in excess of $1,700,000 of production credits this year.

Mr. Kunasek lives with his wife Louise and their three children, David, Lynda, and Anthony in their Feeding Hills home.

Local Indian History At Agawam Library

The Agawam Public Library will be offering a special lecture by Mr. Donald D'Amato on the history of the Agawam Indians on Thursday evening, May 13th at 7:00 p.m. Mr. D'Amato, a noted local authority on the history of the Pioneer Valley, will be discussing the life style of the precolonial residents of Agawam and will be displaying Indian artifacts he has found in the area.

The library cordially invites anyone with an interest in local history to attend the lecture. Admission is free and refreshments will be served. The Agawam Public Library has parking and access for the handicapped.

Please call the library at 789-1550 for registration.

Grange Plans Meeting

Community Grange will meet on Tuesday, May 4th, at 7:30 p.m. at the Grange Home on North West Street. Prior to the regular business meeting, the group will hold a mystery ride leaving the Grange Home at 5:45 and returning in time for the business meeting.

A social hour will follow with Dave and Karen Davies serving as co-chairmen for refreshments.

Newcomers Schedule Meeting

The Newcomers Club of Agawam and West Springfield will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, May 4th, at 8 p.m. in the Captain Charles Leonard House on Main Street.

Mrs. Claire Tatro from Ethical Hypnosis of Western Mass. will be guest speaker. For more information on this organization, call 786-5921.

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Friends and Neighbors

By Rita White

ROBERT & LOUIS MARSH of 17 Pleasant Valley Road received some great news this week. Their daughter, HEIDI DOMINGUEZ hit the Dean's List at the University of Massachusetts. Heidi is a 1980 graduate of Agawam High. She is in her sophomore year at UMass where she is currently studying psychology. We know how proud her parents are of Heidi and we offer our congratulations to all.

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Agawam has another new resident. CHESTER ARTHUR COMEE IV was born on April 14, weighing in at 8 pound, 7 ounces and measuring 21 inches long. He is the first child of CHESTER ARTHUR COMEE III and LINDA VIENS COMEE of 148 Northwood Street. Grandparents FRANCIS AND MARIE VIENS live on Witheridge Street in Feeding Hills, and grandfather CHESTUR ARTHUR COMEE, Jr., lives in Ludlow and grandmother IRENE PIGEON lives in Agawam. Friends and Neighbors welcomes Chester the Fourth.

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Friends and Neighbors wish MRS. SILVIA DEPALMA of 58 Highland Avenue a very happy birthday. Silvia's birthday was April 27th and she celebrated at one of her daughter's homes. Best wishes and many more to come.

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It was a proud day for FRANK & KAY CAVALLO of Clover Hill Drive on March 28th as they watched daughter MARIA at the Nurse Capping Ceremony at St. Anselm's College in Manchester, New Hampshire. Maria is a graduate of Agawam High and is currently a sophomore at St. Anselm's.

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FRANK & ELLEN CALDWELL celebrated their 32nd wedding anniversary on April 22. Friends and family gathered to help the couple enjoy this special day. The Caldwells have seven children and all of them were able to be present for the big day although they live in various parts of the country.

Son Frank and his wife live in Arizona; son Bill lives in Washington State; son Tony lives in Connecticut; son John lives in Vermont. All three of their daughters are married. Daughter Susan lives in New York; and Jean and Sharon each live in Connecticut. The Caldwells have 15 grandchildren to be proud of. It was a wonderful day for everyone and the first time the whole family had been able to be together in eight years.

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A reminder to everyone. There will be the Annual Art Show held at the Senior Center on May 4th, 5th, and 6th. This show is always highly successful thanks to all those who attend. Be sure and stop by.

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And finally, here is a get-well wish to KAREN STUART of Roberta Circle, Agawam. Karen recently underwent an eye operation and is reportedly doing very well. She is the daughter of MARY JANE & PERRY STUART. Best wishes to Karen for a quick recovery and we hope she gets back into the swing o things at Phelps Elementary School very soon.

Polish Club Inspects Ambulance

FIREFIGHTERS (from left) DAVID PISANO, Nicholas Demko, Acting Deputy Chief Douglas Kerr, and James Brown review the town's new ambulance with Polish American Club members Omar George, Pauline George, Bill Conway, Ann Twarog, Bill Janulewicz, Ken Kubik and son, and Danny Kozikowski. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

All Night Vigil At Sacred Heart Church

The Nocturnal Adoration Society of Agawam-West Springfield will hold its monthly all night vigil of the Most Blessed Sacrament at Sacred Heart Church, 1103 Springfield St., Feeding Hills, at 9 p.m. Friday, May 7 through Saturday, May 8 and will close with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 6 a.m.

Father Joseph Flood, pastor of Sacred Heart will officiate at the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament which will open the ceremony. He will be assisted by George Boucher, Chairman of the Sacred Heart membership, and Louis J. Gallerani, Society President.

Membership open to both men and women 18 years and over for information regarding membership in the Society may be had by writing Louis J. Gallerani, President at 15 Avondale Ave., West Springfield, Ma.

Agawam La Leche League Sets Meeting Date

Mothers who wish to breastfeed their babies will find encouragement and information at the Agawam La Leche League. The next meeting is Monday, May 3 at 8:00 p.m. at 716 North West St. Nursing babies are welcome.

The topic for the evening will be Baby Arrives-The Family And The Breastfed Baby. The league offers mother-to-mother help in a series of four monthly meetings based on the manual "The Womanly Art Of Breastfeeding."

The meeting discussions include the latest medical research, as well as personal experience. Other services include a lending library of books on childbirth, child care, and breastfeeding. For further information call 786-9131.

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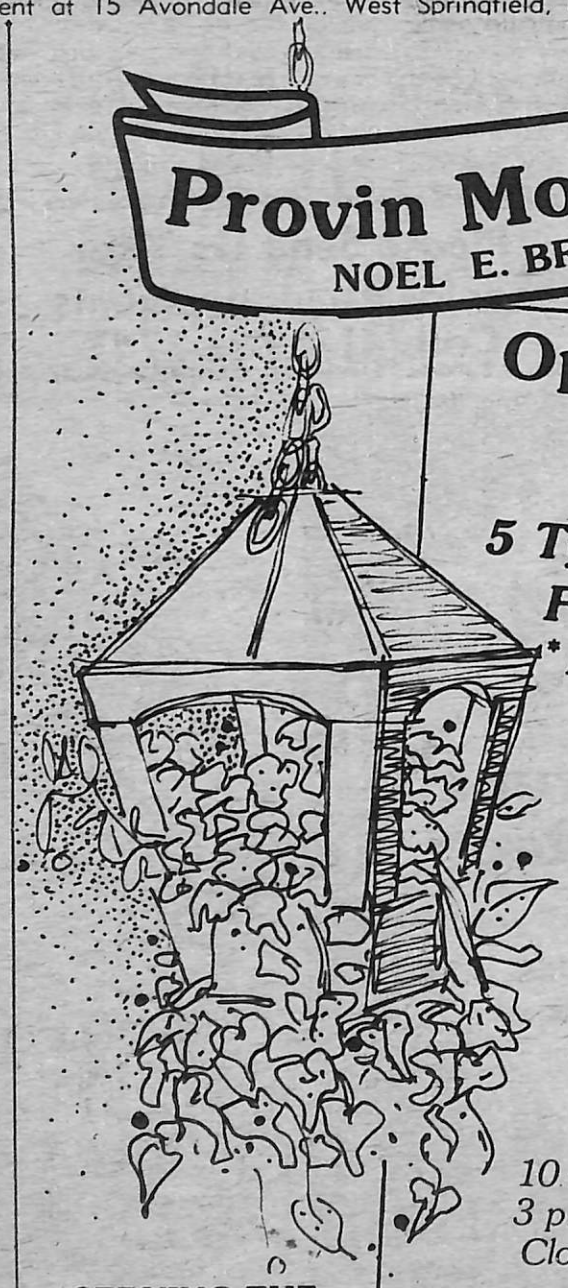

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THE AGAWAM GOLDEN AGERS CLUB installed their new officers at a gala banquet at the Colosseum Banquet House in West Springfield. Officers installed were, from left, Louis Scherpa, president; Mrs. Joan Danford, and Mr. Thomas Danford, installing officers; and Dorothy Bassell, Agawam Senior Center secretary. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

Golden Agers Install New Officers For 1982

Members of Agawam's Golden Agers held their installation dinner last Wednesday at the Colosseum Banquet House with 255 members attending.

President Mike Gabry opened festivities by toasting club members for their support and cooperation throughout his six years as the group's leader. A plaque was later presented to Gabry to mark his long tenure in office.

Thomas and Joan Danford served as installing officers, and the following individuals took office: Louis Scherpa, president; Lee Faits, vice-president; Mary Demersky, recording secretary; Eunice Johnson, corresponding secretary; Alice Squazza, treasurer; and Katherine Aldrich, chaplain.

Fifty-six prizes donated by members and local merchants were given out in a free raffle under the direction of Marion Binnenkade, chairman of Ways and Means Committee, and her assistants Wanda Frasca and Sophie Jasmin.

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NEW BEGINNINGS

By Rita White

I'm convinced. Spring must be here. I see forsythia, tulips, hyacinths, all those harbingers of spring. And it's so beautiful to see all those lovely colors. It gives us a special feeling to see new life. New beginnings. Join spring and have some new beginnings of your own.

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Lunches next week are; Monday, manicotti; Tuesday, risibisi (don't ask me); Wednesday, turkey divine; Thursday, lamb patties; and Frid)y, fish kabobs.

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There are still some seats available for the Newport, Rhode Island trip and the Beverly, Mass. trip. Be sure and get your reservations in.

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The Senior Center will be having a special Mother's Day party on Friday, May 7th. Tickets are $1 and as usual there is a limited number available. You all know what fun the parties are, so don't be left out in the cold. Stop by and pick up your ticket now.

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On Tuesday, May 4th there will be a Hypertension clinic for those with last names beginning with the initials A through G. Be sure and keep a close watch on that if it is a problem of yours.

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Because of the Mother's Day party on the 7th, the usual blood pressure clinic will be held that morning instead of the afternoon. Be sure and make a note of that on your calendar. On Wednesday, May 5th is Dr. Haynes' foot clinic. Remember you need to make an appointment for this.

Sr. Citizens Plan Exhibit

The Agawam Senior Citizens' oil painting class, under the direction of Mrs. Alice Hulse, will hold an exhibit of their work at Meadowbrook Manor on Wright Street, Agawam.

The public is cordially invited to view this display on May 5th, 6th, and 7th from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Sweet Adelines To Install Officers

On Tuesday evening, May 4, 1982, the Pioneer Valley Chapter of Sweet Adelines, Inc., will intall their officers for the 1982-83 season.

Mrs. Ginger Yvon, former Pioneer Valley member and Recording Secretary, will preside over the installation of the following slate: Sally Atkinson, President; Susan Montgomery, Vice President; Betty Paulk, Treasurer; Shirley McInerney, Recording Secretary and Marion Byrnes, Corresponding Secretary.

Newly elected Board Members include: Joanne Annino, Jule Brothers and Lynne Klevanosky.

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Booster Club Plans Clambake

On Sunday, May 16, 1982 the Agawam High School Baseball Booster Club will hold a Clambake at the Polish American Club on Southwick Street in Feeding Hills.

Limited tickets will be available by calling 786-6210 or 786-8160. No tickets will be sold at the door except for hot dogs and hamburgers.

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DAR To Meet

The Mercy Warren Chapter, DAR, will hold its annual meeting and luncheon on Saturday, May 1 at the Federal Hill Club in Agawam. Social hour will be at 12:00 and the luncheon at 12:45.

New members will be presented, annual reports will be read, and the slate of officers for the 1982-83 year will be introduced.

Mrs. Kenneth Nadok and Mrs. Allen Little of Agawam are co-chairmen of the luncheon.

Parents Without Partners Hold Orientation

Parents Without Partners will hold a Sunday orientation on May 2, at 1:00 p.m. at the recording secretaries home, in West Springfield, Massachusetts, (in the Elm Street and Westfield Street area).

For further information call Judy Harrison at 733-6064, new member director, Debbie Mattoon at 782-6809 or Marsha Dobie at 732-6533.

This orientation is set up for people that work on the second or third shifts, so that they can find out about Parents Without Partners.

Good Times At St. Anthony Supper

WEARING THEIR ITALIAN SMILES AT St. Anthony's annual macaroni supper at the parish hall last Wednesday were Henry and Gloria Daglio (foreground). In center is Michael P. Walsh, a candidate for state representative and William T. Walsh, Jr. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

Springfield Area Realtors Slate Energy Forum

The Energy Committee of the Greater Springfield Board of Realtors will sponsor an energy forum Wednesday, May 19, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Greater Springfield Board of Realtors, 185 Industry Avenue, Springfield (exit 20 off 291).

Guest speaker Abraham Gladstone from Mass. Save Home Energy Audits will present a slide show with a question and answer period following a discussion of Passive Solar In Existing Homes. It will include solar sun spaces and green houses.

The public is welcome. If you plan to attend please call 785-1328. Refreshments will be served.

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Tues., May 4th
Newcomers Club
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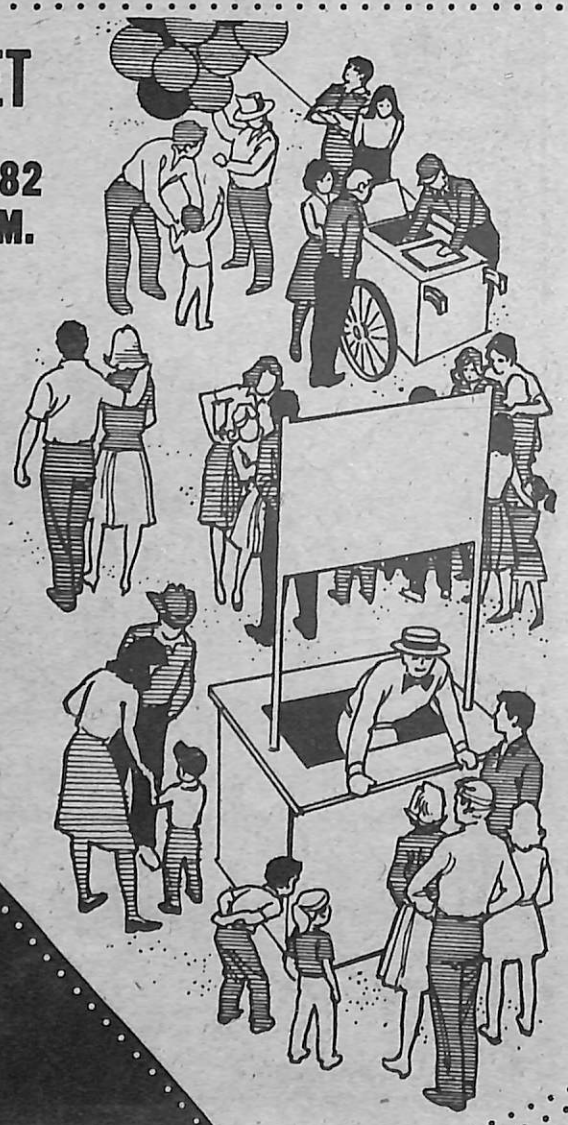

Community Scrapbook

By Alexis Ferioli

Bob Sands Supports Arts

On Wednesday, May 5th, residents of Agawam and other local communities will have the rare opportunity to witness one of America's brightest young pianists, Peter Orth. This distinctive musical presentation will be due mainly to the efforts of Bob Sands and the Agawam Arts and Humanities Commission.

Bob Sands is currently chairman of the commission and describes his role as a " coordinator of ideas and activities" who delegates specific responsibilities.

Bob became interested in the arts about six years ago when he first decided to participate in a play. Since his first performance, he has appeared in many local productions such as last November's *A Streetcar Named Desire*. He is presently involved in the lead role in the production of the English play *Black Comedy* scheduled to be presented at Stage West on May 21, 22, and 23.

To prepare himself for his challenging new role, Bob had to do daily calisthenics to hone himself into top physical condition. "A role that requires one's stage presence 95% of the time is pretty grueling, and I need the daily exercise to develop my stamina," Bob explains.

Though he is usually cast in a comic role, Bob hopes someday to portray a serious character. He also envisions the idea of trying his hand as a theater critic one day.

Besides enjoying acting, Bob keeps busy as a professional lighting designer and stage make-up consultant. In the past, he has done the lighting at Symphony Hall as well as for many local theater group productions.

He and his wife Diana were both born in Feeding Hills and presently live on White Fox Drive with their two daughters, Noreen and Melanie. Bob has had the privilege and thrill of meeting many celebrities such as Elizabeth Taylor, Mitzi Gaynor, and Peter Orth through his employment as a customer service representative over the last fifteen years with U.S. Air. He describes his job as the "operations department which is responsible for balancing the aircraft" and jokingly boasts of having received Liz Taylor's autograph while escorting her to the ladies' room.

Arts And Humanities Commission Formed

Bob recounts the formation of the Agawam Arts and Humanities Commission three years ago by the Massachusetts State Lottery Commission as a means of disbursing funds allocated to Agawam by the former Arts Lottery. Today, the commission is an official arm of the town whose primary function is to promote the arts and art-related fields and to provide wider exposure of them to the community. Members of the commission are appointed by the town manager for two-year terms, and presently there are eight active members.

In the recent past, the commission has sponsored several art shows and has acted as a clearinghouse for disbursement of $1,190 in state funds to qualified applicants. Any individual who is in need of supplemental funding for such endeavors as art/music scholarships, art/music courses, or possible book publication may apply to the commission for consideration for aid.

Peter Orth Concert A Great "Coup" For Agawam

Bob enthusiastically describes Peter Orth as one of the foremost pianists in our country today. At age 28, Orth has already made his debut at Carnegie Hall and has been compared muscially to Van Cliburn.

In addition to his evening concert here in town, Orth has graciously agreed to perform an unprecedented afternoon concert for serious music and art students in grades five through twelve. School Department Music Director Darcy Davis will select qualified students and has also extended invitations to Southwick and Westfield for their serious students to attend.

In explaining why he chose a classical pianist to perform in concert, Bob notes that he hopes to break the "stigma of black tie" which is often associated with such concerts and also to introduce an event never before done in this community.

"I think this concert might be a turning point for the arts in our community," Bob points out, indicating that, if successful, more monies will be made available to the commission to enable them to provide more productions in the future.

Bob declares that, by locating the concert at our local Junior High School, ticket prices can be kept to $5 per person and thereby attract many who may not normally be able to attend such a concert due to its cost. He estimates ticket prices would triple if this event were to be held at Symphony Hall in Springfield, while simultaneously pointing out that acoustics at the Junior High are excellent, second only to Symphony Hall.

The Agawam Arts and Humanities Commission is diligently striving to bring a glimmer of beauty and entertainment to our community through the framework of various art-related fields. They are always open to more citizen input and receptive to new ideas. With an encore of applause, we thank the commission and its hard-working chairman, Bob Sands.

IF YOU KNOW A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY who merits being a part of our COMMUNITY SCRAPBOOK, please call Alexis Ferioli at 786-3271.

BOB SANDS, chairman of the town's Arts and Humanities Commission, is enthusiastic about the town's prospects of cultivating the arts.

Arts Council Sets Peter Orth Concert

Time is running out for those who want tickets to the Peter Orth concert to be held at the Agawam Junior High School on Wednesday, May 5th, at 8:00 p.m. Tickets ar $5 and may be purchased at the Treasurer's office in the Town Hall.

Agawam is very lucky indeed to be able to present this highly talented young man. It is a feather in our cap to offer a cultural event of this caliber to the community, says Robert Sands, Arts Council chairman.

Mr. Orth's program will include selections from Shumann such as Waldseenen, OP. 82 and SONATA IN G MINOR OP. 22, number 2; Debussy's ETUDE IN F MAJOR number 8 and ETUDE IN C MAJOR, number 1 and Chopin's FIVE ETUDES OP. 25 and SHERZO IN E MAJOR OP. 54 number 4.

Seating is limited and it is first come, first served,

Hi-Lighters Set Square Dance

The Agawam Hi-Lighters Square Dance Club will hold a dance workshop on Friday, May 7th at Valley Community Church on South Westfield Street in Feeding Hills.

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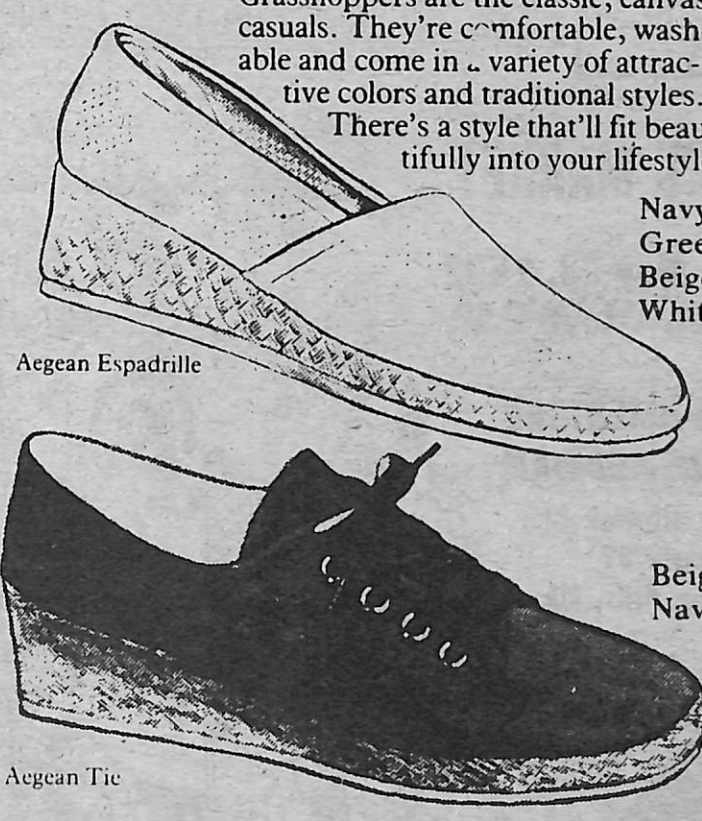

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A PART OF LIFE...

By Peter Forastiere
Colonial Funeral Chapel

It is said that a person has to make funeral arrangements for someone close to them once every 15 years. Involved in these funeral arrangements are many financial decisions which have to be made. This week's article will deal with the funeral cost and the different options involved.

Funeral expenses are generally determined by four factors: professional and staff services; use of funeral home facilities and equipment; merchandise, such as a casket, burial vault and clothing; and cash disbursements, such as motor equipment, cemetery and clergy fees.

Professional services include removal of the body from place of death, the care and preparation of the body, consultation with the family to arrange the funeral fashioned to the family's wishes, arrangements with cemetery and clergy, preparation and filing of legal documents, newspaper notices and various other duties, counseling and assitance prior to, during and following the funeral.

Facilities and equipment costs include the use of the funeral home facilities, preparation room, visiting room or chapel and all equipment and parking areas, acknowledgement cards, register book, memorial cards, religious and miscellaneous articles.

Merchandise includes the cost of the casket, outer vault or liner and in some cases clothing.

Cash disbursements refers to cash advanced for the cost of items requiring payment before the funeral. Their sum is usually advanced by the funeral director for the convenience of the family. These costs include motor equipment, hearse, limousine(s), flower car, church and clergy honorarium, cemetery arrangements, and etc.

Casket costs range in price from less than $100 to over $3,000 depending on the materials used and workmanship.

Complete funeral arrangements or final disposition can cost from less than $500 to approximately $4,000. A wide range that allows a choice of services by the family from the very simple to the elaborate to fit the needs and financial budget of all families.

It is important to note that every family is different and every family's needs are different. Therefore, there are no two funerals alike. Each arrangement should be customized to an individual's own personal needs, desires and financial concerns.

As always, if you have any questions about any aspect of the funeral that I may be able to help you with, please call me at 733-3625 at any time.

Happy Quilting

By Suzanne Ashe
Of The Piecemakers Quilt Shop

Quilt Collecting On The Rise

Old quilts are being collected as examples of art that lives on. Old and new quilts are used as wallhangings draped over railings or furniture or on beds as bedcovers. Just a few years ago, most dealers did not stock quilts. With the popularity of quilting since the bicentennial, auction galleries and antique shops are careful to include quilts in their listings. Top of quilts can be collected and quilted or left as they are. Antique single blocks can be nice assets as well.

Due to supply and demand and since the demand is so great now, the price of older quilts has skyrocketed. You used to be able to find old quilts at tag sales or auctions for $5.00 to $25.00. Now some of the old quilts are sold for $100-$1,000.

If you would like to start a collection of quilts, you should look for graphic design as well as good workmanship. Unique design, quality of stitching, the condition of the quilt itself, the type of fabric, color and different type of borders, all add to the value of the quilt. The history of the quilt is also an important factor to consider. If you're lucky, you may find a quilt that has been signed and dated. However, that is more the exception than the rule.

If you look closely at a quilt, you will find clues that will help you date it or place what part of the country it's from. An appliqued quilt found in the southern U.S.A. was usually made before the Civil War. Appliqued quilts in the south were made for show. Few appliqued quilts were made in the north until after 1870 except by those women who were affluent and had time and money.

When you look at an old quilt, you'll find that the colors tend to be muted or soft. A bright color usually means that the quilt was made recently with aniline dyes.

Dating A Quilt

You can date a quilt by establishing the date of the cloth used in the quilt. During the colonial period, cloth used in quilts were either homespun or imported. Homespun is easily recognizable since handspun thread shows irregularities which recur at random and the weaving is not even. Any quilt of homespun would be prior to 1820.

If the quilt were made of other materials, a clue to the age of the quilt can be found by reading the advertisements of dry good stores. You can date the quilt if you can find the period in which that particular type of material was sold.

The quilting pattern used in the quilt can also be a clue to the age of the quilt. Quilting pattern usually followed patterns found on other articles of the period, like furniture. Fruit was very popular in designs from 1820 to 1860 and it would be found on practically anything that needed a decorative touch.

The quilting stitches themselves can be a help in dating a quilt. Tiny regular stitches will place a quilt before 1820. In colonial days, a young girl was taught to say as part of her formal education. She spent several hours a day at it, both at home and in school. Her sewing was near perfect with stitches the same size.

The overall dimensions of a quilt can also help to date a quilt. Before the middle 1800's, quilts were often made eight to ten feet square because beds were larger and concealed a tumble bed slid under them in the daytime. Beds were higher and needed larger quilts to cover them. As fashion in beds changed, quilts became smaller in the late 1800's.

The filler (batting) of a quilt is another thing to look at. If you have a quilt with a cotton filler with seeds left in it, the quilt was probably made before 1793 when Eli Whitney perfected the cotton gin. After 1793, quilts in the South had fewer seeds or none at all. However, quilts in the north still contained seeds since the housewife in the north had no time to remove them and the cotton gin was not in use in the north.

If you are interested in collecting old quilts, remember that stains or wear should not destroy the value of a quilt if the color and workmanship are good.

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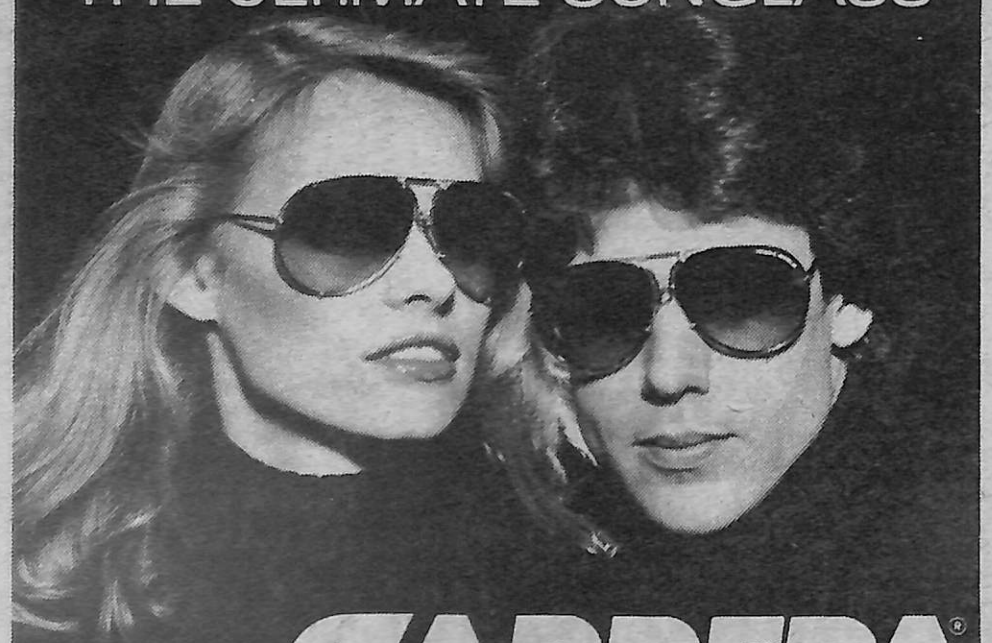

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POLICE BLOTTER

EDITOR'S NOTE: Due to the rising crime rate, ie., theft, vandalism of private and public property, and driving under the influence of alcohol or other toxic substances, the AGAWAM POLICE DEPARTMENT, in conjunction with the CRIME WATCH PROGRAM, and on the request of many local merchants and residents, has asked the ADVERTISER/NEWS to public a weekly POLICE BLOTTER.

The police firmly believe that such a regular beat with names appearing will HELP SERVE notice to townspeople that these types of activities ARE happening in your town and cooperation with police is essential to protect your property and to keep your roads safe.

Therefore, in the spirit of public safety and in cooperation with police, we public this POLICE BLOTTER.

The Agawam Police had a fairly busy week from April 19 through April 25. This is a sure sign of spring. Police responded to 231 calls, there were 13 arrests made, 4 breaking and enterings were reported, 8 motor vehicles were reported stolen and 17 larcenies were reported by this department.

ARRESTS - On April 20th at 8:06 p.m. JOSEPH SCHEBEL of 71 Columbia Drive, Feeding Hills was arrested at the South End Bridge rotary for driving under the influence of alcohol by officer Donald Loncto.

On April 21 at 1:03 a.m. ERNEST MESSICK of 125 Moore Street, Agawam, was arrested for various motor vehicle charges on North Street Extension by officer C. Kasperak.

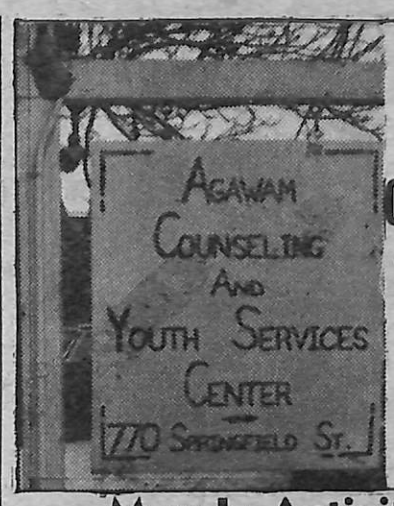
On April 21 at 11:57 p.m. ROBERT WHITE of 29 Elizabeth Street, Westfield, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol after being involved in a personal injury accident on North Westfield Street by officers Gary Nardi and Donald Loncto.

On April 24th at 5:00 p.m. JAMES MARTIN of 256 Newhouse Street, Springfield, was arrested on Silver Street for driving under the influence of alcohol by officer by Anthony Malone.

On April 24th at 6:18 p.m. three persons were arrested at the corner of Fernwood and Hunting Lane. They were, JOSEPH WILSON of 70 Hill Street, West Springfield, he was charged with possession of alcohol being a minor and various motor vehicle charges; GREG RINGUETTE of 15 Porter Drive, Agawam, he was charged with possession of alcohol being a minor; and JAMES TRIBA of 319 Dorset Street, Springfield, he was also charged with possession of alcohol being a minor. They were all arrested by officers Steven Draghetti and R. King.

On April 25th at 1:20 a.m. ALAN HANJACK of 17 Valentine Terrace, Agawam, was arrested on Valentine Terrace for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol by officer R. Landers.

On April 25th at 4:36 a.m. CHERYL HORTIE of 1160 Burnett Road, Chicopee, was arrested on Walnut Street for operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol by officers Mark Poggi, Richard Curry and Sergeant Robert Rossi.



A Word On Counseling And Youth

By Robin Clark
Executive Director

May Is Activity Month At Counseling Center

As we move into May, the pace of activities at the Center is picking up. While interest has been high there are still some openings in most youth programs for May.

Our spring wilderness group for teens will begin a series of training sessions culminating in a three day canoe trip over the Memorial Day week-end. The group is lead by our activities coordinator Warren Winalski who has extensive experience in whitewater canoing. Canoing actitivities will be geared to the skill level of the group and promise to be challenging experiences for all who participate.

Also beginning in May is a topic group for senior girls. Nancy Hellen, our youth counselor, will lead this group which will focus on issues of importance to young women including relationships with parents and friends and career choice to name a few. The group is open to teenage girls only and will run for a limited number of sessions. Contact Nancy for more details.

Other spring activities include an afternoon jogging group for young people who want to get in shape for the summer and maybe make some new friends in the process. This group is for beginning joggers. Marathoners need not apply.

We are planning a special day on Saturday, May 15 for all young people who participate in the various groups and activities at the Center. Friends and family are invited. Participants are asked to bring a picnic lunch and come prepared for a day of "new games" and other non-competitive activities. For more information on this or other youth activities contact Warren at the Center 786-6410.

Your Back & Your Health

By Dr. Joseph & Katherine Schlaffer
CHIROPRACTORS

Metric System Important

Most of us remember the days when anybody that spoke of "grams" was probably referring to crackers. Today, the metric system is inching itself into our lives and revolutionizing the way we measure things up.

To the health care professions, the metric system is nothing new. It is the standard method of measurement for purposes of diagnosis, research and scientific analysis.

While to the average person the thought of a foot no longer being a foot, but rather 30.5 centimeters, and the freezing point being 0 degrees Celsius instead of 32 degrees Fahrenheit seems frightening, there are many advantages. By bringing the American system in line with the system used worldwide, we will have a freer and easier exchange of methods, equipment and information. This will effect all phases of life, including trade and health. In our world of complicated computers and high cost technology, anything that will simplify the task of communication and application of information is welcome.

With the metric system, the terminology will change, but the principles will not. This is especially true as it applies to your health and your body.

Whether you like to inch yourself through day to day activities, you better look twice at your waistline if the flab hangs over the measuring tape.

Whether you count your smokes by packs or centimeters, it would be wise to start thinking about the risk you are facing when you pollute your lungs.

Whether your dosage of medication is measured in ounce units, milligrams or simply pills, better think about the risk and dependence inherent in drugs. Better think about a way to use the body's natural recuperative powers.

Whether you drive everywhere at a rate of 55 miles per hour or 90 kilometers per hour, it would be wise to start thinking about getting out of the car and walking. The pace is slower, but the exercise is better.

If your food intake in ounces, pounds, or meals contains too much fat, junk, and processed foods, it would be wise to start measuring out a diet that is well-balanced and nourishing.

Perhaps this is all a cute way of saying that it is time for Americans to take stock of themselves. And if it takes a new measurement system to do it, why not? It's a good way of changing our values about health.

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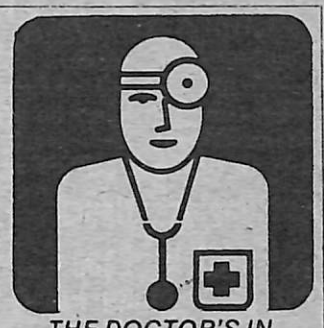

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THE TOWN'S LONG TIME SHOE SERVICE ON South Westfield Street is celebrating its 50th year in business. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

YES, EVEN IN THIS DAY AND AGE THE cobbler has a place to do business and succeed. Here in Agawam, Michael Chmielewski, of CHMIELEWSKI SHOE SERVICE on South Westfield Street in Feeding Hills, has carried on the family's 50-years of business tradition. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

The "Little Ole Shoemaker" Celebrates 50-Year Birthday

By Dorine Kubik

This year represents fifty years in business for M. Chmiewlewski Shoe Service located at 60 South Westfield Street. Founded in 1932 in a room at home, the business was expanded in 1945 to its present location two houses away by Michael W. Chmielewski, who remained with it until his death in 1968.

Mr. Chmielewski learned his trade at the age of fourteen in Poland. After arriving in America in 1916 to live with relatives, he served as a sergeant in the U.S. Army in World War I and became a three-times decorated war hero. Upon return from the army, he married the former Julia Backiel of Feeding Hills, and they saw their family grow to include three sons and three daughters. The youngest son is currently Agawam's chief of police.

After his father died in 1968, the middle son Michael F., took over the family business, having learned shoe repair from his father. Together with his brother-in-law Edward Kieselewski, they worked the business for two years, and then Mike took over on his own.

A resident of Suffield with his wife Mildred, Mike is a printer by trade and foreman in the Printing Department of Veder-Root Manufacturing Company in Hartford. Mike learned this craft through study sponsored by the G.I. Bill after his service in Korea, where he found himself on the front line the day the conflict ended.

Mike terms the shoe service "almost like a hobby" for him as he opens the store for business only part of the week while working his regular fulltime job. He is presently encouraging his two nephews, Dan and Jay Christian also of Suffield, to come in to learn the trade along with a family friend, Darren LaBrecque.

Customers recall the senior Chmielewski working for many years in the shoe repair section of the former Forbes and Wallace department store along with his manyyears at his own shop in Feeding Hills. The younger Chmielewski possesses the same pleasant, well-liked qualities as his father and exhibits these characteristics by joking and putting his customers at ease as soon as they enter his establishment.

Although time has brought many changes to Feeding Hills Center, this familiar family-owned business still remains as a testament to quality service and successful tradesmanship. We all congratulate Chmielewski Shoe Service on its fifty years in business.

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OBITUARIES

Cynthia Jean Circosta

Miss Cynthia Jean Circosta, 20 year old daughter of Richard L. Circosta and Barbara E. (Asselin) Circosta of 85 Cooper Street, Agawam, died Sunday, April 25th at home of a malignant brain tumor.

Born in Springfield April 4, 1962, she had been an Agawam resident for seven years. She attended Holy Name School in Springfield, graduated from St. Thomas the Apostle School of West Springfield, and was a 1980 graduate of Cathedral High School. Currently, she had been a student at Springfield Technical Community College.

She was a communicant of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church in Springfield. Besides her parents, she leaves two sisters, Mrs. Deborah M. Myers of Springfield and Mrs. Linda A. Goodman of Malden, Ma., her paternal grandfather, Carmel Circosta of Springfield. She was the granddaughter of the late Marguerite (Cote) Circosta. She also leaves her maternal grandparents, Emile J. and Elizabeth A. (Songini) Asselin of Palmetto, Florida.

A private funeral will be held at the convenience of the family. The Colonial Funeral Chapel, 985 Main St., Agawam is in charge of all arrangements. There will be no calling hours.

Paul E. Delskey

Paul E. Delskey Sr., 80, of 17 Harvey Johnson Drive, retired 15-year construction superintendent of W. W. Wyman Co. in Greenfield, died Thursday in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield Unit.

Born in Westfield, he lived here 30 years. He was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church.

He leaves his wife, the former Margaret Moriarty; a son, Paul E. Jr. of Feeding Hills; a sister, Mary Delskey of Agawam and three grandchildren.

The funeral will be Monday at Curran-Jones Funeral Home. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery, Westfield.

David A. Furioni

David A. Furioni, 33, of 58 Day St., owner and operator of Village Motors, died Saturday evening in Baystate Medical Center, Wesson Unit, after being injured when his modified stock car crashed through a barrier at Riverside Park raceway.

A lifelong resident of Agawam, he was a graduate of Agawam High School class of 1966.

He was a member of the National Association of Stock Car Racing and the West Springfield Fish and Game Club.

He was a racing enthusiast for many years and competed in several stock car races over the years and owned and operated his own stock cars.

He leaves his stepmother, Priscilla (LaLiberte) Furioni of Feeding Hills; a brother, Robert W. of Huntington; a sister, Carol A. Collins of Agawam; a stepbrother, Richard M. Shakarian of Belchertown; and a stepsister, Joyce A. Shakarian of Ware.

The funeral will be Wednesday morning at Curran-Jones Funeral Home, Cooper St., with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery, Feeding Hills.

Frank P. Garde

Mr. Frank P. Garde, 81 of 61 Emerson Road, Agawam, died Sunday, April 25th in Heritage Hall Nursing Home, Agawam.

Born in Springfield, he had been an Agawam resident since 1952. He was a foreman for the Diamond Match Corp, in Springfield for 43 years, retiring in 1965. He was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church in Agawam and a member of the Agawam Golden Age Club.

He leaves his widow, Mrs. Marie E. (Santarsiero) Garde, two sons, Frank P. Garde and Philip M. Garde of Westfield, two brothers Daniel and Joseph Garde, both of Springfield, two sisters, Frances Gour and Florence Wilson, both of Springfield, seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The funeral will be held Wednesday morning at 9 a.m. from the Colonial Funeral Chapel, 985 Main St., Agawam with a liturgy of Christian burial in St. John the Evangelist Church, Agawam at 10 a.m. Burial will be in St. Michael's Cemetery. Visiting hours at the Chapel were Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Contributions may be made to the Passionist Monastery, West Springfield.

MARKET WATCH

By Michael Serafino
Bache, Halsey, Stuart, Shields, Inc.

The Municipal Bond Market

At this time of year, investors are convinced that they have paid too much in taxes. They're probably right too. "Bracket creep"-being pushed into a higher tax bracket because earnings have risen to keep pace with inflation-adversely is part of the problem.

For the person who has investments, one way to reduce the tax bite is by purchasing tax-exempt municipal bonds.

Tax exempts are issued by states, counties, cities, school districts and state government agencies to fund major capital improvements. The most important feature of those bonds is that the interest on them is exempt from federal income taxes and exempt from taxes of the state in which they are issued. For example, a Massachusetts resident buying a bond issued in Massachusetts will pay no federal or state tax on any interest received.

Many people who would never have looked at municipal bonds before are looking at them now, due to higher incomes and higher taxes on these incomes.

As a class, municipal bonds offer the highest degree of safety and security, next to U.S. government bonds. However, the investor in municipal bonds has such a wide variety of bonds to choose from that care must be taken to choose bonds which most closely parallel an individual's objectives. Yield, maturity dates, rating and price (some bonds sell at a discount, some at a premium) are important.

Unlike a stock certificate, a bond is a promise to pay a stated amount on a specific date. The face value of the bond is usually $5,000 although some are in $1,000 denominations. An investor can plan for current and future income utilizing municipal bonds and in most cases the bonds can be sold with relative ease.

Investors who seek to maximize investment income while minimizing taxes can certainly look for help in the municipal bond market. In future columns we will discuss the specifics of municipal bonds and their placement in portfolios.

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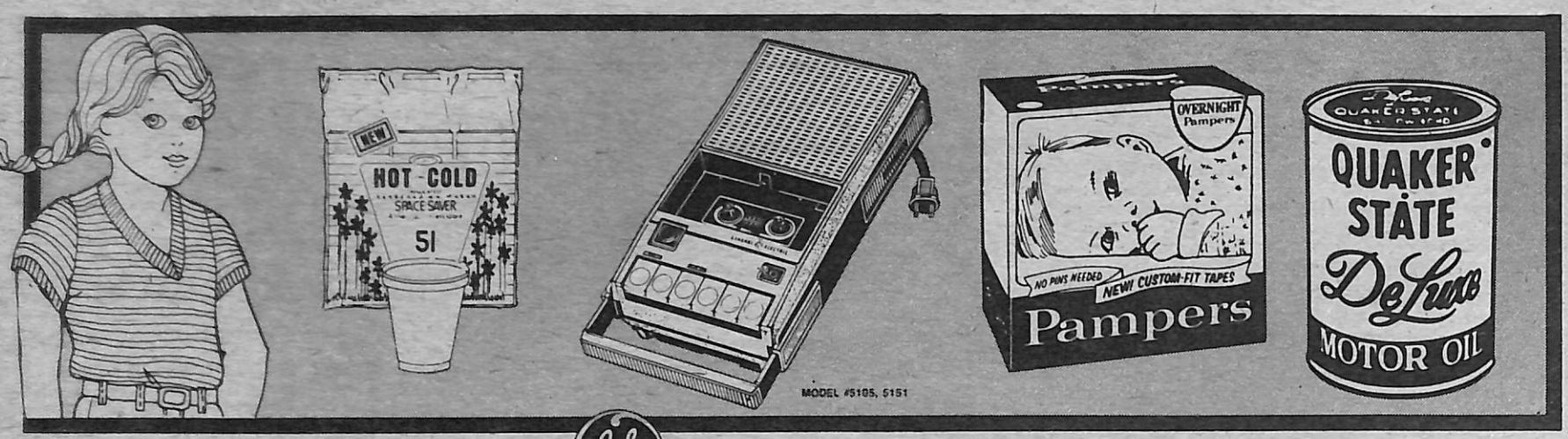

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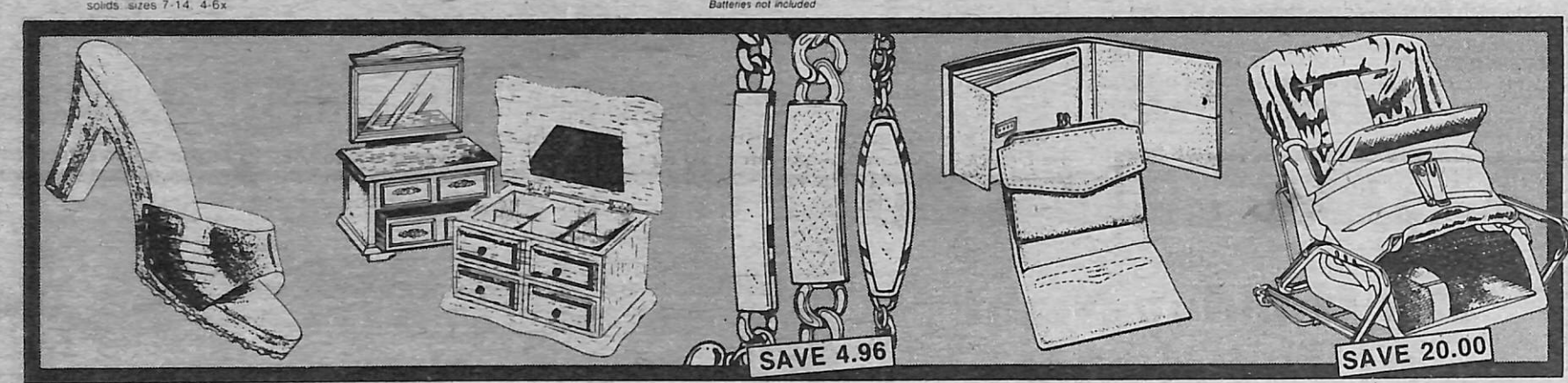

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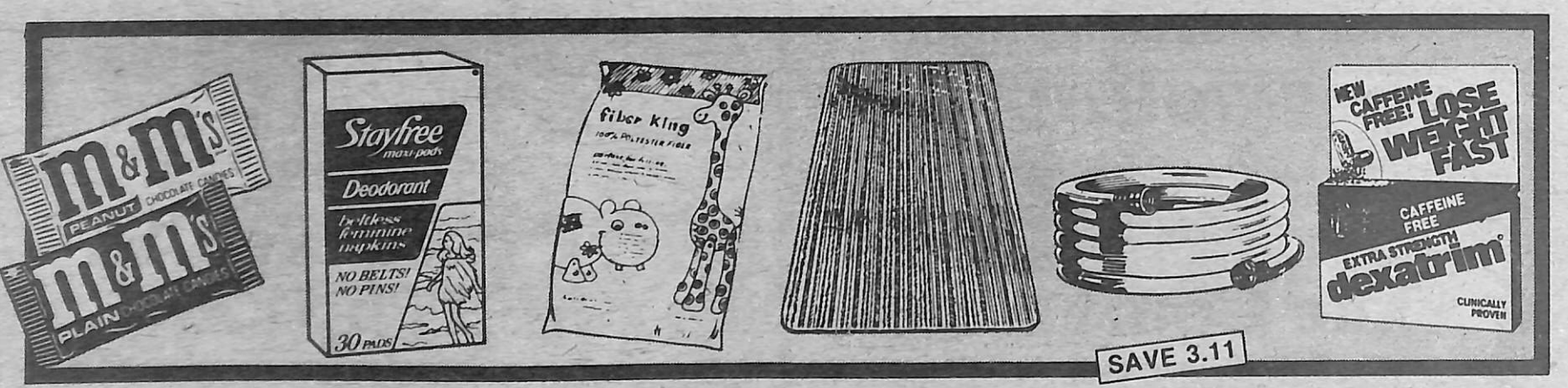

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LEGAL NOTICE LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF AGAWAM
LIQUOR LICENSING COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given under Chapter 138 of the General Laws that Wilcon Inc., d/b/a Southgate Lounge, Constantino A. Panichas. Manager, 858 Suffield Street, Agawam, Mass. has applied for change in name of an All Alcoholic Beverage License as a Common Victualer to Wil-Con Inc., d/b/a Bogey's, Constantino A. Panichas, Manager, 858 Suffield Street, Agawam, Mass. Building consisting of: approximately 2000 sq.ft., one floor, first floor, one room of approximately 1500 sq.ft. for bar and dining area. One room of approximately 350 sq.ft. of kitchen area. Remaining area being hallway, toilet areas. Public Hearing to be held Tuesday, May 11, 1982, at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Administration Building Annex, rear, 36 Main Street, Agawam, Ma.

LIQUOR LICENSING COMMISSION
Joseph P. Dahdah, Chairman
John J. Chriscola, Jr.
Richard A. DiLullo
Published: April 29, 1982

LEGAL NOTICE LEGAL NOTICE
APPROVED ORDINANCE
IN THE YEAR ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED & EIGHTY TWO
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF
THE TOWN OF AGAWAM

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF AGAWAM AS FOLLOWS:

Chapter 20, Article VIII, Sec. 20-45(e) is hereby amended to read as follows:

(e) Amusement parks, bowling alleys, roller skating rinks or arcades containing three or more pinball or electronic games.

Chapter 9 is hereby amended to add Section 9-7 to read as follows:

Section 9-7 Pinball or Electronic Games

Any business desiring to have on its premises one or more pinball or electronic games to be operated for a profit shall require a permit therefor from the Town Council. This requirement shall not apply to any business having a licensed pinball or electronic game operated for a profit on its premises on the effective date of this amended ordinance.

BY ORDER OF THE AGAWAM TOWN COUNCIL
RITA S. ROSE
TOWN CLERK & TOWN COUNCIL CLERK
PUBLISHED: April 29, 1982

LEGAL NOTICE LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF AGAWAM
BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at Administration Annex Building, Agawam, THURSDAY, MAY 13, 1982 at 7:30 P.M. o'clock to all parties interested in the appeal of F.L. ROBERTS and BAYBANK VALLEY who are seeking relief from Section 20, Paragraph 8(e) of the Zoning Ordinances to allow the installation of a driveway off South Westfield Street to service a proposed automated banking facility on the premises identified as 6 SOUTH WESTFIELD STREET.

By order of the Board of Appeals,
Theodore A. Progulske, Chairman
Published: Apr. 29 and May 3, 1982

LEGAL NOTICE LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF AGAWAM
BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at Administration Annex Building, Agawam, THURSDAY, MAY 1, 1982, at 8:30 P.M. o'clock to all parties interested in the appeal of FRANK SOLITARIO who is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 20-64, Paragraph 7(e) of the Zoning Ordinances to allow the construction of sixteen (16) single family residences on the premises known as HAMPDEN FIELDS located to the rear of 641 RIVER ROAD.

By order of the Board of Appeals,
Theodore A. Progulske, Chairman
Published: April 29 and May 3, 1982

LEGAL NOTICE LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
AGAWAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Agawam School Committee will hold a public hearing on the 1982-83 budget on Tuesday, May 11, 1982 at 8:30 p.m., in the Agawam Junior High Cafeteria. Information regarding the budget may be picked up in the Superintendent's Office at the Agawam Junior High School, 1305 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Massachusetts between 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Published April 29, 1982

LEGAL NOTICE LEGAL NOTICE
APPROVED ORDINANCE
TOWN OF AGAWAM
IN THE YEAR ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED EIGHT-TWO
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE
TOWN OF AGAWAM

An ordinance to amend Chapter 14, Article IV, Section 14-13 of the Code of Agawam.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF AGAWAM AS FOLLOWS:

Chapter 14, Article IV, Section 14-13, Sub-Sec. III entitled "The grade and salary range assignment of employees in the Fire Department" shall be as follows:

Delete

Grade Position

- Fire Chief (Twice the rate of the highest paid firefighter) equal $32,311.76

Chapter 14, Article IV, Section 14-13, Sub-Sec. VII entitled "The grade and salary range assignment of employees in the Administration Division" shall be as follows effective August 23, 1981:

Add

Grade	Position	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5
46	*Fire Chief	25,801.36	26, 386.36	26,972.92	27,645.28	28,474.16

*Denotes Department Head Classification for Purpose of Ordinance

By order of the Agawam Town Council

Rita S. Rose
Town Clerk & Town Council Clerk

Published April 29, 1982

LEGAL NOTICE LEGAL NOTICE
ZONE CHANGE HEARING
TOWN OF AGAWAM
IN THE YEAR ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED
AND EIGHTY TWO
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE

Be it ordained by the Town Council of the Town of Agawam as follows:

The zoning ordinance passed and approved on December 21, 1972 to take effect on January 1, 1973, entitled "Zoning" is hereby amended by changing from Agricultural to Residence A-2 certain real estate situated on Main Street, Agawam, Hampden County, Massachusetts, described as follows:

Beginning at a point at the southwesterly corner of land n/f of Connor Builders, Inc. as shown on plan recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book of Plans 172, Pg. 78, said point being also 200 ft. westerly of the westerly sideline of River Road in the Town of Agawam, Hampden County, Massachusetts,

Thence running N. 58° 23' 00" W. along the northerly line of land n/f of Russell M. & Mary R. Dimock a distance of 191.90 ft. to a point;

Thence running S.36° 50' 00"W. along the westerly line of land of said Dimock, land n/f of Robert L. & Kathleen G. Longo, and land n/f of William & Joanne F. Menard a total distance of 241.10 ft. to a point;

Thence running N.60° 14' 52"W. along the northerly line of land of said Menard, land n/f of Clarence P. & Edna L. Jerris, land n/f of Danto & Ann Tomasetti and land n/f of Eugene A. & Susan P. Mutti a total distance of 298.33 ft. to a point;

Thence running N.37° 44' 30" E. along the easterly line of land n/f of Normand & Genevieve Gamashe, land n/f Edward J. & Lorraine E. Loomer, and n/f of Robert A. & Patricia M. Markiewicz and land n/f of Clyde L. and Madeline M. Simpson a total distance of 411.80 ft. to a point;

Thence running N.33° 08' 48" E along the easterly line of land n/f of Ronald W. & Jeannette M. Knowlton, land n/f of Paul U. & Joan Y. Czajkowski, and n/f of Robert G. & Sharon A. Antoya and land n/f of William K. & Marie Goodman a total distance of 465.50 ft. to a point;

Thence running S.63° 40' 30" E. along the southerly line of land n/f of Spaulding and Ryan a distance of 75.00 ft. to a point;

Thence running N.32° 43' 30"E. along land of said Spaulding & Ryan a distance of 75' plus or minus to a point at the existing Resident A-2 zoning line, said point being also 200 ft. southerly of the southerly sideline of Leonard Street;

Thence running southeasterly 200 ft. southerly of and parallel to the southerly sideline of Leonard Street a distance of approximately 490' to a point, said point being 200 ft. westerly of the westerly line of River Road;

Thence turning and running southwesterly 200 ft. westerly of and parallel to the westerly sideline of River Road a distance of approximately 760 ft. to the point of beginning.

An ordinance now before the Town Council.

The Agawam Town Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 17, 1982, at 8:00 p.m. in the Agawam Public Library Community Room, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, Massachusetts on the above petitioned zone change of Vincent M. Connor.

Rita S. Rose
Town Clerk & Town Council Clerk
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PHILM REVIEW

By Phil Benoit

Cat People - A Purrrfect Horror Film

You've heard of people who can turn into werewolves and vampires, right? But what about black leopards? Believe it or not, this is what happens in an outstanding fantasy-horror film entitled, **Cat People.**

Based on a 1942 film with the same title, **Cat People** deals with an orphaned young woman, Irena (Nastassia Kinski), who goes to New Orleans to meet her long-lost brother, Paul (Malcolm McDowell). What Irena doesn't know is that she and her brother are descendants of a race of people who perform incest and turn into giant black leopards after having sexual intercourse. Paul, on the other hand, knows his heritage and falls in love with his sister after meeting her for the first time. Things start to get hairy after Irena becomes attached to the curator of the local zoo (John Heard) and discovers that she, like her brother, can turn into a large, man-eating feline.

Although its premise is preposterous, **Cat People** is a first-rate picture. It's a psychological thriller that deals with the hidden primitive instincts within each one of us; in this sense, the film is similar to the recently cancelled television program, **The Incredible Hulk.** Unlike **The Incredible Hulk**, however, **Cat People** is more complex in terms of its plot.

While it contains a great deal of violence and nudity, **Cat People** is a far cry from **Friday the 13th** and all the other **Halloween** clones that have been infesting movie theaters for the past few years. In cheapies such as **Friday the 13th** and **My Bloody Valentine,** violence andl nudity are used for the sake of violence and nudity. In **Cat People**, however, violence and nudity play an important role in the story; without these devices, the film wouldn't have the same emotional impact.

Another factor which sets **Cat People** apart from inferior horror pictures is the cinematography. The camera shots in the **Halloween** rip-offs are usually so unstable that it makes you wonder if the cameraman had too many drinks the night before they shot the film. **Cat People**, on the other hand, contains visually stunning scenes which show the dream-like world of the first cat people; these scenes resemble the desert sequences in **Star Wars** and have a hazy, orange tone.

After seeing Roman Polanski's **Tess**, I had my doubts about Kinski's acting ability because all she did in Polanski's film was stand still and look pretty. Her performance in **Cat People**, however, squelched my doubts because she is convincing as the heroine. McDowell (**A Clockwork Orange**) is perfect as the lustful Paul and Heard (**Cutter's Way**) does a fine job as the zoo curator.

Director Paul Schrader deserves a lot of credit for making **Cat People** succeed as one of the most erotic fantasies in years. While he has dealt with pornography and prostitution in films such as **Hardcore** and **American Gigolo,** Schrader demonstrates in **Cat People** that he is able to deal with sexual topics which are not necessarily realistic in nature.

RATING: 4 STARS (On a scale of 0-4 stars)

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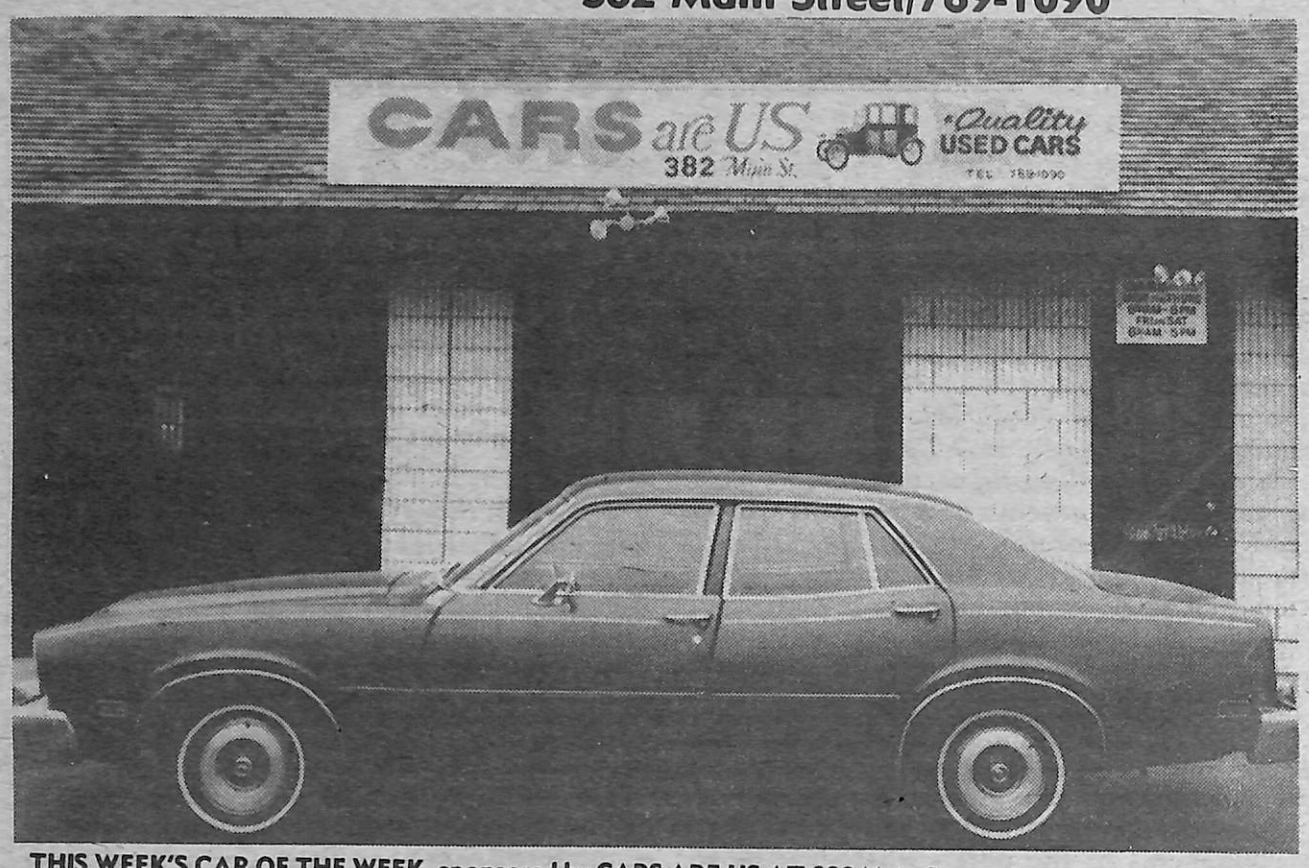

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From The Third

By Edward W Connelly
MA State Rep
Third Hampden District

Once again, the most important bill in the Legislature - the state budget - is the topic of discussion on Beacon Hill. The House began the annual budget debate today (presstime).

In this, the second year of Proposition 2 1/2, legislators will be faced with the need to cut state spending in order to provide adequate local aid for cities and towns. Several proposals for distribution of local aid have been proposed, including the BETTER BUDGET recommendations.

Clearly, some revision of the distribution formula was necessary if we were to avoid the serious problems that developed last year with some commuities receiving far more in local aid than they lost under 2 1/2 and other communities receiving only a very small percentage of their losses.

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To their credit, compromise, the very essence of politics, has enabled the leaders of both branches of the Legislature, as well as the executive branch, to adopt resolutions declaring local amounts prior to the start of the budget debate.

This must be plus for all cities and towns preparing budgets for fiscal 1983.

In restrospect, the BETTER BUDGET coalition last year introduced resolutions requiring adoption of definite local aid amounts. They were subjected to violent dissent and finally, a losing vote.

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Fortunately, that attempt proved to be the watchword for this year and we will all benefit in the future.

Indeed, the salient features of the BETTER BUDGET has proved to be the reliable, efficient tool we believed it to be. It's a hallmark for future budget debate.

New Postal Contract Stations Opening in Westfield

To meet the needs of the public, the opening of two new postal contract stations on May 1, 1982, was announced by Westfield Postmaster Howard R. Daury. The new stations will be located at Post Office Square on the corner of Main and Broad Streets, and Genovese Drug in the Little River Shopping Plaza on East Main Street.

A postal contract station is run by store employees, trained by the Postal Service, and provides some of the same services found at the Main Post Office, including money orders, mailing domestic parcels, and selling stamps, envelopes and postal cards. The opening of the new stations make a total of three, the other is located in the North Side Templeton Pharmacy on North Elm Street.

EDITORIAL

Supporting Plan For Bowles I-Park

Over the past four months, we have taken many strong positions on development in the community.

In an editorial last December, we said that the proposed industrial park for the 320-acre Bowles Airport tract "would begin the process of putting Agawam back on a competitive economic table with surrounding communities and would also help offset the restraints of Proposition 2 1/2."

We also said the proposed industrial park only begins this process and that other large-scale development now before Town Council would add equally to our tax base, create jobs, and keep our community growing.

Our position on the industrial park has not changed.

Over the past four months much discussion about the Bowles property and the $600,000 investment by the community has occurred.

Some of the concerns and criticisms given by opponents of the park - whether it be to maintain an airport at the site or that the town's $600,000 investment as a partnership with WestMass Area Development Corporation is too much - are not irresponsible or from those attempting to exploit this community.

We have viewed the public debate on the issue as healthy. No one in Agawam should be a rubber stamp.

We do, however, endorse the WestMass and AEDIC plan, and if this plan does not pass and Town Council fails to release the $600,000 Monday night, the town may find itself empty-handed and without the hope of future growth on that site and others around town that are essential to the town's growth and future security.

If passed, there is much work to be done to help the industrial park succeed, especially in the area of expediting the completion of the Route 57 extension project, which, in our estimation, is the key to unlocking this community. Cooperation between local officials and WestMass officials is also mandatory to ensure that our $600,000 investment is returned in the future.

Therefore, as we have done before and will continue to do, we support the industrial park as proposed and hope Town Council will pass the plan Monday night.

Our call for housing, jobs, a wider tax base and better business climate in Agawam for our merchants has not and will not change. The industrial park at the Bowles property fits into this mold.

Passage Of DePalma Condos Urged For Council

On Monday evening, Town Council will discuss and probably vote on the request by local developer Ralph DePalma for a 158-unit condominium complex off Suffield Street, near the Route 57 exit.

We urge the council to approve this zone change.

The neighborhood arguments against the proposal - increased traffic, stress on the town's municipal services, such as fire and police protection and the delivery of water and sewers - will be heard again on Monday night.

Neighbors have a perfect right to be concerned about a large development near their homes as they have invested much time and money into their property.

We are not unsensitive to this.

But in the long run, passing this zone change request will do little to change the character of that section of town. Traffic from people living in the proposed complex will have easy access to Route 57 off Suffield Street.

Condominiums do not require municipal services as the developers will pay for all sewers on the property, as well as be responsible for building and maintaining roads inside the complex and for trash and snow removal.

Police have confirmed that condominium complexes in Agawam are relatively crime free.

Our schools will not be overrun with additional children due to these condominiums.

Such a development will also substantially add to the town's tax base in the area of $10 million when completed.

Mr. DePalma has a fine track record here, and we believe he will build a complex that will be a credit to the town.

For this, and for the reasons we have listed above, we are hopeful that Town Council passes this zone change.

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Guest Editorial...

A Role For the Silent Majority In Increasing Our Tax Base

By David Gallano - Treasurer
Town Of Agawam

Last year the Legislature in its cherry sheet split of the Local Aid Fund treated Agawam well. Our town was fortunate indeed in receiving $1.7 million over the on the tax setting recapitulation sheet to help reduce the effects to Proposition 2 1/2 for fiscal 1982.

The increased cherry sheet coupled with the increase in the tax levy, which comes about as a result of the property revaluation total of $450.7 million,. should allow Agawam to set a tax rate of $25 per thousand, or less.

With the advent of the above, Proposition 2 1/2 requirements for Agawam will have been met in fiscal 1982. There will be very little negative effect - no major layoffs or reduction or elimination of important programs - as has been the case in some of the cities and towns in the area.

However, for fiscal 1983 the situation changes drastically. The Legislature has given a clear warning that they do not intend to continue to bail out Agawam from the eventual consequences of Prop. 2 1/2. The projected cherry sheet figure for fiscal 1983 shows that Agawam will receive only $187,000 more than the 1982 total. This is a far cry from the $1.7 million granted this year.

Even if Agawam should be successful in level funding all departmental budgets, including school, it will only be allowed to use the $187,000 (cherry sheet figure) plus $289,000 (2 1/2 of the next tax levy) for expenditure over last year's tax levy.

With only authorization to expend approximately $476,000 above last year, how then we will we cover employee contract increases of about $500,000; new bonded debt payments of over $500,000; inflation make-up of about $170,000; up front industrial development costs of $600,000; the possible absorbing of $300,000 in betterments charges for sewers or even up-front interest cost for the $1 million in State Aid for an industrial park?

That is quite a question. Agawam desperately requires 100 percent affirmative vote from Town Council members in support of the development of the Bowles Airport property. Tax revenue from the new business that locate there can be used to offset budget growth without raising the tax rate.

Agawam needs direction from the silent majority -make yourself heard.

Letters To The EDITOR

Is History About To Repeat Itself?

To The Editor:

Is Agawam history about to repeat itself? The last few editorials in the AA/N indicate that this could come true. It is unfortunate that history is held in such low esteem in our world today.

About 1959-1960, at a town meeting, the Agawam Industrial Area came into being. We were way ahead of the surrounding cities and towns in this vision of the future. The Cottage Street industrial area in Springfield was still the Springfield City Dump. Unfortunately, the glow of this accomplishment became somewhat tarnished because now came the real work of making the investment for streets, utilities, etc., and probably most difficult of all to get the property owners in the area to pull together for mutual benefit.

One of the owners, to show that this was all possible, cleared the way for Industrial Lane by cutting away the trees and making the road at his own expense. He was able to get several businesses to locate on the road. Belatedly, town voted $12,000 to finish the road and take it over. The thought at the time was since this short length of Industrial Lane proved feasible why not extend it across the area to Silver Street?

It was not to be. The hue and cry became 'let's allow developers to come in and build apartments.' This will raise our tax base and bring in tax revenue without to great an expenditure on the part of the town. The apartments scattered all over Agawam and Feeding Hills are the living monuments of this policy. To top it off, a "fox" was put in charge of the "chicken coop" to supervise all this building.

Today, Agawam is, I think, in a similar position. The old industrial area no longer viable apparently so a new industrial park proposed. Again the question of an investment to be made for Agawam, and again, let's let the developers, and they will solve our money problems for us. Instead of apartments, today they are called condominiums. The only thing this policy solves is the profits these developers will carry away leaving behind the problems and the heartaches with the purchases and the town administration. For example, your article on page 19 concerning wetlands building.

I am optimistic that history is not going to repeat itself in Agawam because the individual who has felt helpless by himself has found that banded together they are not at all helpless. The results are already evident in the Town Council votes thus far on some of these exploitive zone changes that have been denied by the council. May these groups continue to put pressure on the council!

One pessimism is the feeling that the AA/N has chosen to align itself with the exploiters of Agawam rather than the credible non-profit organizations such as WADC and the Agawam Chamber of Commerce who, I believe, can prevent Agawam history from repeating itself.

Sincerely Yours,
Jack LoMonaco
Shoemaker Lane, Agawam

Pineview Neighbors Speak Out

To The Editor:

Talk about biased editorials! The residents of Pineview Circle are chiefly concerned with the overdevelopment within precinct 6 proposed by Mr. Solitario for Hubbard Corner and Agawam Village Development, the latter which we abut. At this time we have not voiced our opposition to DePalma's condominiums or the Feeding Hills Business Park, however, we will. It is our right to do so because we feel that they are not in the best interest of the town.

Evidently we are not alone in our fears of overdeveloping our town. Many of our own town officials have voiced their concerns. Others have described our efforts as fruitless, however, our facts have been obtained through local offices as well as HUD, MHFA, and the Department of Community Affairs in Boston. We will continue to voice our opposition to this project locally and if necessary, in Boston. One cannot involve onesself with this issue without being aware of the "anti-snob-zoning" law. Does the editor realize more condominiums means more subsidized housing for all precincts? Does the Editor realize our tax base cannot be broadened more than 2 1/2% each year, regardless of how much new development occurs? Have you viewed the area to be developed? Do you know this area falls under the Wetland Protection Act? Our town should concern itself with keeping its natural resources and open spaces.

We are not against development in Agawam if it is done to enhance our community to its fullest extent. Asking us to be concerned over issues only in our own backyard is an attempt to divide this community. We do not intend to stick our heads in the sand regarding any issues concerning our town.

Mrs. Kathleen Donabed
Mrs. Donna Shea
Mr. Robert Shea
Mrs. Sandra Harrison
M. Daniel Michael
Mrs. Joan Cavallo
Mr. D. Donabed
Mr. James Devanski

Police Officers Praised

To The Editor:

Too often people are quick to condemn, but do not take the time to give praise when it is due. I will take the time.

The evening of March 21st while visiting relatives in Agawam, I witnessed a fine display of professionalism by two Agawam police officers. When a man came running into Friendly's screaming that his wife had stopped breathing, they rushed from their dinner to give emergency care.

They worked very efficiently under less than ideal conditions. Working in a wet, dirty parking lot, Officers James Orsatti and David Poggi worked desperately to revive the woman. They worked quickly, but with obvious knowledge and skill. These men are an asset to your town.

Sincerely,
M. J. Harrington
Ashford, CT

Publisher's Response To Pineview Circle Letter

We applaud the time and effort you people took in writing a response to last week's editorial. We encourage such response from our readers at all times.

In three years, we have never directly responded to a Letter-To-The Editor because we firmly believe that everyone is entitled to an opinion whether it agrees with ours or not. We believe our past track record in printing letters and guest editorials and allowing this space to be a community sounding board bears witness to this.

But there is one point in your letter that deserves a response to set the log straight.

Your statement that "our tax base cannot be broadened more than 2 1/2 percent each year, regardless of how much development occurs" is totally misleading to our readers.

If you checked the guidelines of Proposition 2 1/2, the law allows for the generation of revenue through an increased tax base. Town Treasurer David Gallano and his office confirmed this as did a call to the State Department of Revenue.

For example, for every $1 million in new growth to our tax base, the town derives $25,000 (2 1/2 percent) in new taxes that can be applied to reduce your taxes or to operate the community. If we generate $10 million in growth to our tax base next year, this would mean an additional $250,000 in new tax revenues for the town.

This is one reason why we have strongly supported development here. For the record, one of the major reasons our town administration and many town councilors are so supportive of the town investing $600,000 into the planned industrial park at the Bowles Airport property is the positive effects it will have on the future growth of our tax base. This is a major hallmark of the industrial park.

Finally, and for the record, we do not support the proposed subsidized housing complex abutting Pineview Circle as your letter clearly indicates.

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School Committee Praises "Book Swap"

By Joanne Brown

Agawam residents from elementary-school age through to senior citizens wi l be able to participate in a "book swap" this year on June 5th. This newly created community event is expected to become an annual tradition, according to seventh-grade English teacher Dennis Moran, who proposed the swap to the School Committee at their meeting last Tuesday.

In explaining the event, Moran noted that no money will be involved in the exchange. "Children or adults may bring in one or several books and will receive coupons entitling them to choose an equal number of books from those brought in by others," Moran explained.

He anticipates an especially large participation from students through the junior high school level.

Local schools as well as two or more community buildings will serve as collection centers. Moran will act as overall coordinator assisted by other members of the Agawam Education Association. The actual exchange of books will take place on Saturday, June 5th, at the Middle School from 10 to 1 o'clock.

In unanimously approving the proposal, members of the School Committee praised the effort as most worthwhile.

Special Needs PAC To Meet

The next meeting of the Parents Advisory Council for Special Needs Children will take place on Monday, May 3rd, at 7:30 p.m. at the Agawam Junior High School library.

Dr. Neil (Wilensky) Williams, director of Camp Rainbow, and Jack Kunasek of the Agawam Parks and Recreation Department, will discuss the summer camp's program offerings for special needs students in town.

All parents of campers as well as any other interested individuals are invited to attend.

AFS EXCHANGE STUDENT FROM NEW ZEALAND Peter Lindsay and his date for the Senior Prom, Doreen Sardella, an AHS senior. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

A GOOD LOOKING COUPLE - Tony Frasco and Sharon Barker, a varsity cheerleader. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

400 Attend Senior Prom

By Joanne Brown

A line of limousines and other late-model automobiles about a quarter-mile long indicated a special event was occurring last Thursday at Chez Josef on Shoemaker Lane.

The annual Junior-Senior Prom, with the theme of "Endless Love," dispelled forever the notion that Agawam teens dress only in jeans and other casual clothing. Beautiful long gowns adorned the lovely young women as the gentlemen sported formal attire from tuxedoes to full tailcoats.

Following a receiving line ceremony which lasted almost two hours, School Department officials along with students enjoyed a complete filet mignon dinner and dancing to music provided by the band "Sundown."

Invited guests attending the event included School Committee Chairman Rosemary Sandlin and her husband, Superintendent of Schools James Bruno Jr. and his wife, Agawam High School Principal John Morrissey and his wife, AHS Assistant Principal David Bates and his wife, and Prom Supervisor Geraldine Schilling-Nordal and her husband.

Prom committee members who worked most diligently to make this event successful include Pam Anderson, Pat Arnold, Kelly Boland, Diane Brown, Justine Chriscola, Chris Conway, Tammy Desilets, Eva Husson, Laura Lavell, Kris Letendre, Karla Mancini, Rhonda Martinau, Tammy Oberheim, Beth Phillips, Joanne Piliero, Sue Spagnoli, and Barbara Wojciechowski.

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FAMILY NATURALIST

By Kay Kudlinski

They have to hurry, these dainty woodland flowers. They must sprout, grow, blossom, and begin seeding between the winter's deep snows and the summer's deep shades. If you want to see them, you, too, must hurry. Begin your search for flowers this week.

Take along a magnifying glass, a camera or a sketchpad. Leave the clippers and shovels home. Several kinds of wildflowers are protected in Massachusetts. Many more are vanishing because of over-collection.

Peer closely at the flower through the hand lens. Every part you see has a purpose. The leaves angle toward the sun for energy. Delicate petals, fragrances and nectars attract insects who pick pollen grains off dusty stamens. Bees deliberately harvest pollen. Flies do so by accident. When they drop a grain onto the flower's pistil, the pollen sprouts a hair-fine tube. It grows towards the ovary, the heart of the flower, swelling at the base of the petals. Once the pollen tube reaches the ovary, a seed begins to form, and the flower's work is done. Can you find these parts? Look for insects crawling about on flowers, dusted with pollen.

Beginners at wildflower photography should experiment with a roll of film on a couple of large flowers. Try different angles and compositions. Aim for uncluttered or unfocused backgrounds. Try slipping a dark or colored sheet of paper behind the flower. Let the sunlight fall on top of the petals, then try shooting with the sunlight glowing through the blossom from behind. Once your first roll of experimental shots has been developed, you will have a variety of tested techniques to use in your photography.

I prefer sketching wildflowers to recording them on film. I cannot draw more accurately than a photograph, but I love the excuse to sit quietly in the forest. A soft spring sun is deliciously warm. Insects and animals quickly decide I am harmless and go about their business quite close by. I see details of forest life that even leisurely hikers miss. Often my sketchpad is empty on my return home, but my mind is full of cool forest peace.

Search for the trailing arbutus this week. Massachusetts' state flower is one of the earliest woodland species, favoring rocky or sandy soil. The dainty pink or white flowers have a delicately spicy scent. The arbutus is a low creeper with stiff, hairy evergreen leaves. Again, look, but do not pick, for the arbutus is vanishing in much of its range.

Now that the snows are finally gone, reacquaint yourself with Agawam's woods and parks. Next week I'll add a few more flowers to watch for and some suggestions for wildflower gardening.

A.F.S. Slates Pancake Breakfast

The Agawam Chapter of the American Field Service (A.F.S.) will hold its third annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, May 2nd, from 8 a.m. to 12 noon at the Agawam Middle School cafeteria on Main Street.

Members of the Agawam Lions' Club will prepare and serve the breakfast and proceeds will benefit the A.F.S. scholarship fund. Tickets are $2 for adults and $1.25 for children. For reservations and/or information, call 786-5573.

A.F.S. is a non-profit, non-political organization open to all races and creeds which presently operates in sixty countries. This organization provides an opportunity for high school students to spend one year with a host family, attending local high school and joining in community activities.

This year, A.F.S. is hosting three students: Toshi from Japan, Peter from New Zealand, and Amelia from Paraguay.

During the breakfast, participants will have an opportunity to brouse through a display of artifacts from the countries represented by students the Agawam chapter of A.F.S. has hosted in the past.

AHS Band To Perform At Riverside Park

The Agawam High School Band and Color Guard will perform at Riverside Park as part of a "Community Pride Weekend" in conjunction with television channell 22 on Saturday, May 1st.

The local organization will parade around the park at 2 p.m., making several stops at various locations where there is enough space to perform some of their special show routines. Following the performances, band and color guard members will remain as guests of the park for the day.

In the event of inclement weather, the performance will take place the next day, Sunday, May 2nd, at 2 p.m.

Wolf Program at Laughing Brook

Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden is holding a special family program on Mother's Day Sunday, May 9 at 1 p.m. WOLF! is an exciting afternoon spent learning about endangered species, especially wolves.

The program is hosted by John Harris and Pam Brown of the "Clem and Jethro Lecture Series" in Florida. They have travelled throughout the country for many years, providing workshops for schools, church groups, and environmental organizations.

A feature of the program is that children and adults will meet Claire-A LIVE TIMBER WOLF. The film "Death of a Legend," a dramatic movie about human attitudes towards wolves, will be shown as well.

The WOLF program is open to the public and a fee is charged. Preregistration is suggested. For more information, call Laughing Brook at 566-8034.

Students Taught Bus Evacuation

TRAFFIC OFFICER ROBERT MARSH (left) and Safety Officer Alfred Longhi help Granger School Elementary students Simon Flynn and Kathleen Berry out of the emergency door of a school bus to give the students a lesson in leaving the bus through the back exit in case of an emergency. The two officers visited each elementary school in town to teach the proper techniques of emergency evacuation. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

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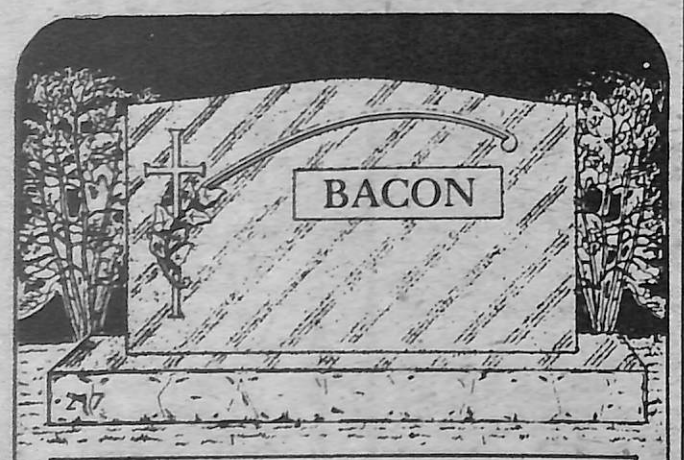

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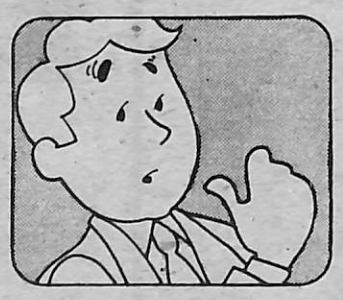

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Bambi Schedules Open House

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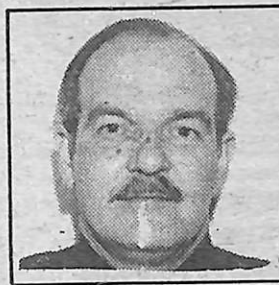

Crime Watch

By Officer James Frantz
Agawam Police Dept.

BICYCLE THEFT

Now that good weather is with us every family or individual owning a bicycle should be aware of the fact that with a little common sense and some easy security measures your bicycle could be theft proof.

Here are some suggestions to prevent bicycle theft:

Lock your bike even if you are leaving it unattended for "only a minute". Put your chain or heavy cable through both wheels, around the frame, and then lock to a solid object. If you are with friends, chain all your bikes together.

Put your bike away in a locked room, garage or basement, when you are not riding it. Don't leave your bike in a yard or on a driveway, where it can be seen.

License your bike with the Agawam Police Department. You will be increasing the possibility of your bike's return, if it should be stolen.

Use high quality case-hardened lock and case-hardened chain or cable to lock your bike. Avoid locks which can be easily picked or broken, and chains which can be easily cut with wire cutters.

Record the serial number of your bike and engrave your father or mother's social security number plus the letters MA following it. This number should be placed on the frame and wheels of the bike. This serves two purposes; the police will not only be able to immediately return the bike if it is recovered, we can also contact a child's parents if he or she is ill or involved in an accident. Treatment in hospitals can be expedited when doctors have permission from parents.

You can also help your neighbors and the police by turning in any information concerning stolen bikes. A tip to the police often will stop future bike thefts.

Remember: If you see anything suspicious call the Agawam Police at 911 or 786-4767.

FIRE-WISE

By Russell Jenks
Acting Fire Chief

Stop Playing With Matches

Imagine how fire looks in the eyes of a child; glowing, flickering, enchantingly, miraculously able to start out of no where and grow all by itself. No wonder children are entranced by fire - it's natural, healthy curiosity.

Parents can repress that curiosity - or make their children fire-safe by giving positive training in the safe handling of fire. Here's one way to use positive psychology to prevent playing with matches.

At age four or five, it's time to begin a child's education into the wonders of fire. Before that age, the child has been kept away from matches and lighters. Now's the time for parents to take the initiative.

Saying "Don't play with matches" gives no positive information, makes matches a forbidden fruit, and doesn't explain the safe use of matches.

Instead, guide the five-year-old's natural interest in fire. Teach that the match is a tool, with specific purposes: lighting candles, outdoor grills, fireplace fires and other controlled fires. Fire plays a vital role in everyone's life, the child who learns the safe use of fire is less tempted to play with it.

Begin by teaching the child how to light a match. Under direct supervision, have the child do the following:

1. Open package and tear out a match.
2. Close cover and turn over to expose the strike surface.
3. Hold the match and strike it away from the body.
4. Hold match horizontally and let burn for a few seconds.
5. Blow out and hold until cool to the touch (15 seconds).

Have the child repeat the procedure, over and over, match after match after match. Continue the procedure until the child announces boredom and a desire to stop.

Congratulations! You have just taken the child fascinated by the mystery of fire and made the use of matches an utterly dull, prosaic enterprise that is so boring it's unlikely the child will ever want to strike a match for pleasure again. What's more, you've made fire a "safe" subject for discussion with parents - instead of a forbidden topic fit for only peer experimentation.

Now that the child understands matches, let him or her use them...but only under ADULT SUPERVISION. Let the child light candles and pilot lights, charcoal grills, and fireplaces when such tasks need to be done...and obtain the child's promise to use matches only with an adult's permission and supervision. Again, the idea is to remove any sense of "forbiddenness" which could drive an inquisitive child to explore on his own.

As an added bonus, you're teaching your child the fire-safe way to perform many techniques he'll need to know as a teen and young adult.

A little child psycholoav can go a long way when the subject is fire. Teach kids to be fire-wise **before curiosity drives them to stupidity on their own...and give them the gift of life.**

Church Youth Sponsor Car Wash And Tag Sale

The youth of the Agawam United Methodist Church are sponsoring a combination car wash and tag sale on Saturday, May 15th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the church parking lot located at 459 Mill Street (Route 57) Agawam.

For the small charge of $1.00 you can have your car washed and while you wait, browse through the tag sale items. The rain date for the event will be May 22.

Troop 75 Slates Paper Drive

Boy Scout Troop 75 of Sacred Heart Church, Feeding Hills, will hold a Paper Drive from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 1st, in the church parking lot on Springfield Street.

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SPORTS

Lose Two Straight...

Brownie Bats Sag; Ludlow On Top

By Chris Hout

The Agawam Brownies ran into a buzzsaw in Ludlow ace Billy Craven Tuesday afternoon in schoolboy baseball action at Harmon Smith Field.

When it was all over, Craven had held the Brownies to one run one five hits, which all added up to Agawam's second straight defeat, a 6-1 verdict to Ludlow in B Division play.

"The team is just not hitting," said Coach Gerry Smith, who wasn't overly enthused with Tuesdays outcome. "And the pitching is not there either. We'll just have to get our act together but quick."

Prior to the Ludlow loss, Agawam travelled to Northampton on Friday and lost a slugfest, 11-9. In that game, the hitting was there but the pitching was not. Against Ludlow, the pitching was adequate but the hitting was poor.

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Ludlow broke on top in the first inning with all the runs they would eventually need to win the ballgame. The Lions put together a walk, a single, a double against losing pitcher Paul Dezielle, now 1-1 on the year, to produce the runs.

The Brownies came right back in their half of the first with their lone run of the day. Bobby Eggleston led off with an infield hit, stole second and advanced to third on an infield hit by Scott Negrucci.

Negrucci then stole second, putting Agawam runners on second and third with no outs. With the infield drawn in, Timmy Ayre bounced to second and Eggleston was cut down at the plate.

Negrucci finally scored for Agawam on a sacrifice fly to right by catcher Kevin Barnes.

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Both pitchers settled down nicely after the early inning noise, as Dezielle retired the next eight hitters, and his counterpart, Craven, set down the next five locals.

But, in the fourth, and still clinging to a one-run lead, the Lions opened up against Dezielle. The visitors chained together two walks, three singles and a successful squeeze play to pad their lead to 5-1.

Exit Dezielle and enter ace Boo Smith. Smith got the final out of the inning on a pop up to Barnes, who was now playing first base.

Ludlow scored their final run of the day against Agawam's third pitcher of the afternoon, senior Dave Vecchiarelli. Two walks and a single did the damage.

Agawam had mild rallies thwarted in the fourth and seventh frames but lack of a clutch hit in both frames gave Craven and the Lions the victory over the much heralded Brownies.

BROWNIE NOTES: Agawam now stands at 1-2-1 on the year...Dezielle worked three and two thirds, giving up five runs (all earned), walking three and striking out one. Smith pitched an inning and a third, giving up no runs, no hits, striking out one and walking three...Vecchiarelli worked two innings, yielding one run, two hits, two walks and no strikeouts. Each team commited an error.

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There's Still Time

We have a few openings left in the Sacred Heart Girls 13-15 League. If you wish to play you can sign up at the rectory or notify the Commissioner Mr. Nick Lascala at 789-0290.

Booster Club Plans Car Wash

The Agawam High School Baseball Boosters Club will hold a car wash on Saturday, May 1 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Parish Center. Donations will be 99 cents for cars and $2.00 for vans.

Bay State Oilers Place Second In Tourney

By Chris Hout

The Bay State Oilers, an Agawam based men slo-pitch softball team, finished second in the field of twelve entrants in a B qualifying tournament held at Fort Devens last weekend.

The Oilers, who won six major tourney's a year ago, went 4-2 for the two day affair.

Bay State defeated Green Insurance of Leominster, MA 10-6 and the host Fort Devens team 13-7 on Saturday.

Bobby Shanley with a 2-3, homerun, and 3 RBI performance along with a 2-3 showing by Zupo, propelled the Oilers to their win over Green Insurance.

Donnie Progulske and Skip Sherman each had three hits in the win over the Fort Devens Club, while Earl Sherman had two hits.

Skip Sherman and Shanley each had two hits and Dick Williamson and Mile Jiles each homered in Sunday's undefeated bracket, but it wasn't enough as Holden's Insulation of Worcester defeated the locals, 12-8.

The Oilers bounced back with their backs to the wall in a must win situation against another Agawam team, Cellar Lounge, 11-2. Zupo had four hits to pace the Oilers, while Shanley, George David and Lenny Bruso had three hits apiece. Shanley and David each homered in the contest.

The Oilers then faced Holden's Insulation in the final two games of the tourney. Bay State was forced to win both games for a first place finish, but ended up winning the first and losing the second.

Zupo, Jiles, and David all went 2-3 in Bay State's 7-6 win in the first game.

Holden then won the tourney with a wild 17-10 victory over the locals in the championship game.

Cellar Lounge finished third in the tourney behind Holden's and Bay State.

Bay State will participate in the Northampton tourney this weekend along with the Red Fez, another Agawam based team.

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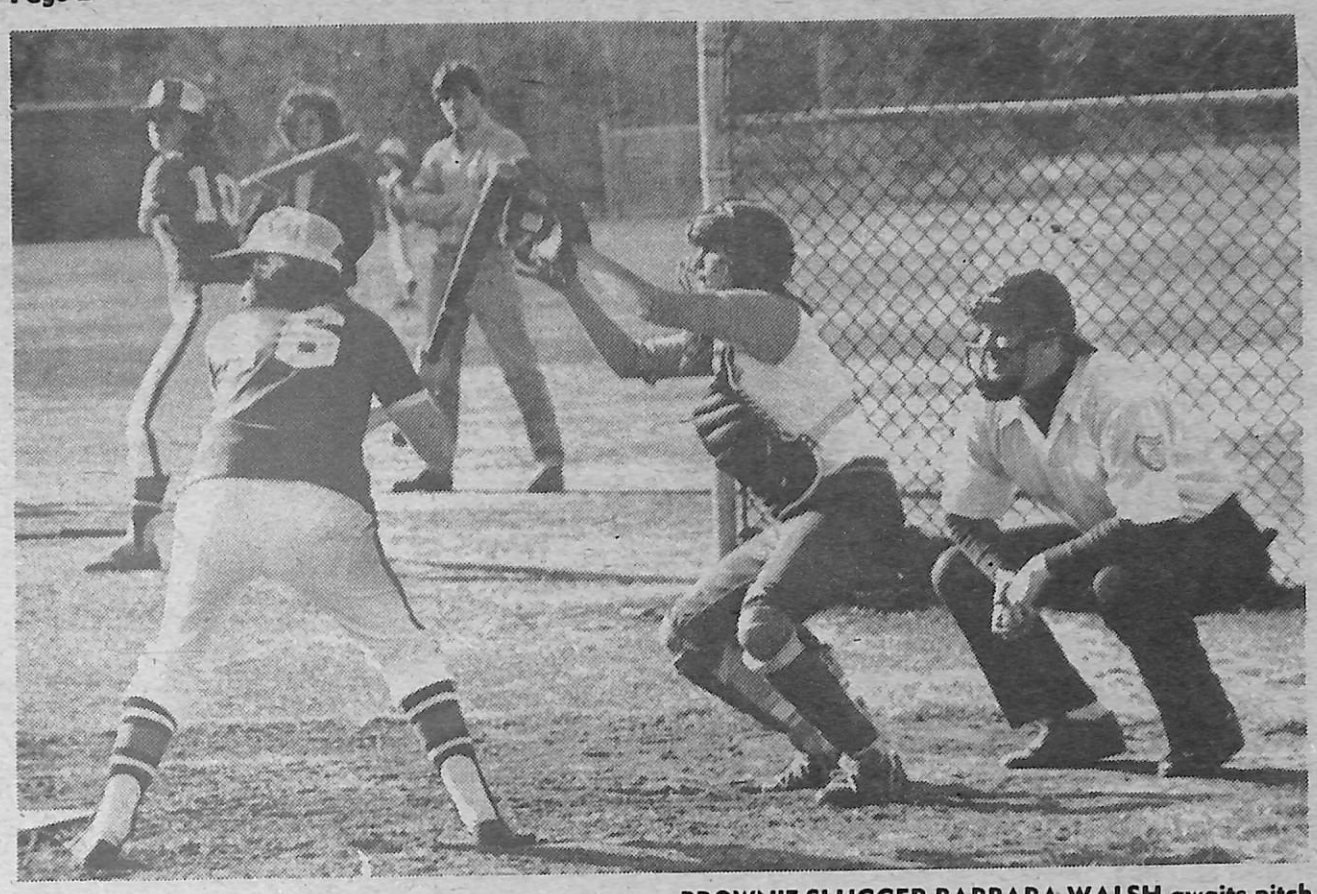
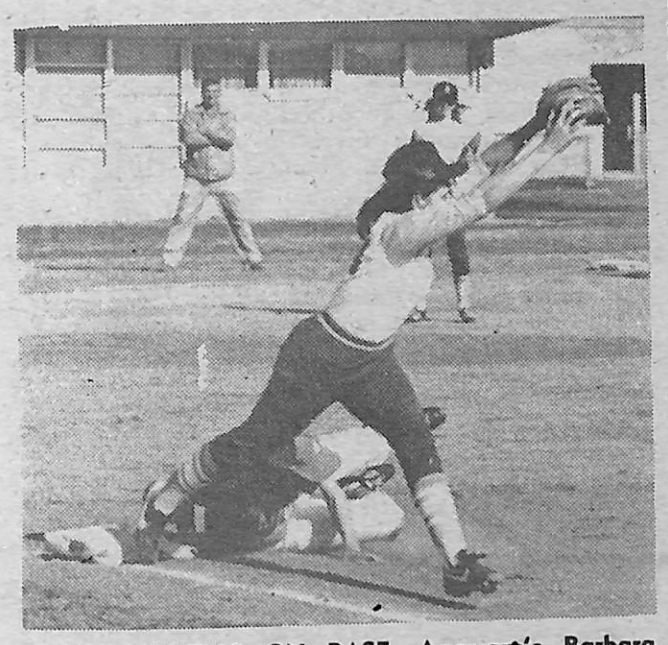


BROWNIE SLUGGER BARBARA WALSH awaits pitch from Northampton hurler during Agawam's 28-15 destruction of the Blue Devils last week. On deck is Barbara Karakla (10). Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.



AFTER GETTING ON BASE, Agawam's Barbara Walsh dives back to first base during action against Northampton. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

Rain Postpones Girls Softball Game

The Agawam girls varsity softball game with Ludlow on Tuesday was postponed and rescheduled for Wednesday (press time) Ludlow school officials said Tuesday morning. (Score and details will be provided in next week's edition of the **Advertiser/News**)

"I really do not know why the game was called off," said Agawam coach Larry Sheehan. "I guess it had something to do with the condition of the fields. It rained quite hard the day before and possibly it was still wet."

Prior to the Ludlow game on Wednesday, the Brownies stood at 1-2 on the year. They defeated Northampton and lost to Minnechaug and West Springfield.

Agawam's next home game will be on Monday, May 3 at 3:15 when they square-off against Longmeadow High.

Conlin Finishes Boston Marathon In 3 Hours, 23 Minutes

By Chris Hout

Local Marathon runner Thomas Conlin of Agawam finished the annual Boston Marathon a week ago with a time of 3 hours twenty-three minutes. Conlin finished about 3,000 in a field of approximately 10,000 entrants.

"I was looking for a little better time prior to the Marathon," said Conlin. "But considering the conditions, I'll take the time that I got."

The conditions Conlin is referring to are the 75 degree temperature and the stiff wind that blew against the participants on the Patriots' Day afternoon.

"My main concern once I realized the conditions was just to finish the race," noted Conlin. "None of the runners expected a day quite so warm and the wind was just terrible."

"It's crazy," he said. "You train for months and months in the cold weather and then you have to run the actual marathon in 75 degree heat."

The conditions were so bad that the winner, Alberto Salazar of Oregon, lost an enormous amount of body heat and his body temperature dropped to 86 degrees. Salazar alos suffered from dehydration.

According to the 41-year old runner, many more runners suffered from the same type of ordeal.

"There was at least 100 runners that were in the same or near the same condition as Salazar," said Conlin. "You just never heard about it because they were not in the public's eye like Alberto."

Conlin explained that his situation was a "little woozy but not that bad. At least I was not near as bad as some of the others."

Next season the Boston Marathon is expected to turn from the amateur level to the professional level. There has also been recent discussion of having two Boston Marathons, one for the pro's and one for the amateurs.

"I'd like to see the race remain at the amateur level," said Conlin. "It just seems that it was never meant to be a professional race. It wouldn't be the same if it turned pro."

Either way, Conlin is doubtful of a return of beantown for another crack at the grueling 26 mile hike.

"Right now, it's very doubtful that I'd return to the Boston Marathon," he said. "I thought that it was fun and a worthwhile experience, but it was just toocrowded for me. It seemed like wall to wall people for the entire race."

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Sportsmen's Corner

By Bill Chiba

Fishing Lake Ontario

After overcoming or accepting mentally other avenues of recourse, the adversities were behind us and the wife and I were on our way to Lake Ontario for "fun and relaxation." We had entered the $100,000 ELSO largest fish tournament. For a time it looked like we would never make it. For example, the Lowrance depth finder I ordered was back ordered and arrived while we were on the trip. A depth finder is a very important piece of equipment when fishing Lake Ontario.

The lake varies drastically in depth. Secondly, the radiator on the pick-up truck sprung a leak and had to be pulled and repaired. Thirdly, the salesman that took the prop from my big motor down to Essex, Conn. to be overhauled, quit his job and I never did get it back. Charlie Saunders in Southwick came to my rescue and loaned me a propeller to fish with. Yes, we went through a very distressing period.

The sun was shining brightly when we left Agawam. When we hit New York State, it had clouded and the wind was coming directly into us at about 30 to 40 miles an hour. West of Rome, N.Y. we hit a blizzard that lasted for an hour or so. Edie sat with her fingers crossed the rest of the trip.

Dick Godet, his wife Dolores and son Doug, arrived ahead of us at the camping area. It was located right on the shores of the lake to our delight. However the lake was very angry. Waves eight to ten feet were lashing the breakwater abutments. There would be no fishing the rest of the day for us.

The next morning we were all up early expecting to go fishing. No dice, the lake was still "up" and the wind was at 20 miles an hour. Lance and Mark Poirer arrived with their boat and impatiently stomped back and forth waiting for the water to subside. Finally they decided to try it. They were back within an hour, soaking wet and disgusted. In the meantime, the starter refused to work on my 100 horsepower Johnson. Edie and I spent the rest of the day at the Green Point Marina while the mechanic replaced the starter, worn out belt and seal on the engine.

The next morning the lake was down and the water was dotted with boats of every shape and size. Ours was still at the dock, the motor refused to start. Upon checking it out, I found that there was no spark. While everyone was out on the lake having a ball, Edie and I were back to the Marina looking for help. The news was very disheartening! The power pack and coil were done. It would cost $400 to get the motor running again. "E" suggested we pack up and head for home. I reluctantly agreed.

Bryan, the mechanic stood thoughtfully looking at the engine. "I can strip the motor of all the exotic garbage, replace the plate with a set of points and hook up an automobile coil; it will last you for years," he said.

We were on the water by two in the afternoon. The motor was chugging away like a well oiled sewing machine. A check on the CB and we found out that the fish were not too agreeable and very few had been caught. Dick's boat has lost a couple, Lance and Mark had one four pounder caught. Bill Colson and Moose Lavallee had not scored. Henry Chevalier and "Buffalo" Borchers had taken three large browns early in the morning.

Suddenly my reel started singing! I brought in a nice fat six pound brown. On the second swing over the same area I caught another. I was out a half color of lead core with thirty feet of leader and using a "Loco" lure. Edie set up the same way and took the next three fish. The fourth fish was a different story. Her reel sang with a vengence. "I think I'm on bottom," she called over the noise of the motor. "No I'm not, I just felt the fish."

I started to back up the boat. Edie could not take in any line; the large fish just kept going away from us. I sped up the boat and Edie finally was able to take in about a foot of line. The fish kept the same distance from us. Finally, it make a mad dash and the hook straightened out on the lure. She certainly had the derby winner.

In the meantime, Lance had on a large chinook for over an hour. He brought the fish up to within spitting distance of the boat and then it would go down to the bottom and sulk. Bill Colson and Moose kept a close vigil and Bill had his camera ready and waiting for the monster to surface. Finally the fish worked loose and an exhausted Lance sat down disgustedly in the boat and sulked for the rest of the day. The dollar signs were still dancing before his starry eyes.

Edie's largest brown tipped the scale at 8 pounds exactly. She entered it into the derby. The largest fish caught went over 18 pounds. We brought seven fish home. For the weather conditions and the trouble we went through, we figure it was successful trip and we are looking forward to a return trip in the near future.

Fordham Maintains Third Round Lead In Tri-Parish Bowling

Fordham is still maintaining its hold on first place after the ninth match of the third round. They were able to take two wins from their latest opponent, Holy Cross. Holy Cross took two wins of its own.

JANICE MOCCIO hit a 303 was the big star. VIN GOSSELIN did fall 290 pins. ANN O'CONNELL, captain of Fordham, hit for a 299 pinfall. Holy Cross captain ED GALLERANI of the Gallerani drug chain in Agawam was the star with a pinfall of 324.

MAYBETH COUGHLIN, who bowls on the Holy Cross team turned in a pinfall of 294. Holy Cross fared well with their two wins from Fordham. Fordham has 25 wins overall in the third round.

In second place is Notre Dame, captained by JOHN RESCIGNO, not to be confused with the Lordly Hair Stylist, FRANK RESCIGNO. In the battle of the Rescigno family, John's crew took four big wins from Frank's side, who were the winners of the second round (St. Mary). John had a pinfall of 298 while Frank could only muster a 268 (bad night). STEVE STORK who bowls for St. Mary's had the high for them at 304. Steve holds the seasonal high of 148.

Of course, Steve is sharing that with EDDIE ANDERSON who captains the Loyola team. Notre Dame has 22 wins in the third round, three short of first place Fordham.

Also checking in with 22 wins is ST. MICHAEL who are in third place with a team pinfull of 12,200 while Notre Dame has 12,249. MIKE O'CONNELL captains the St. Michael team. He dropped 324 pins. They took two wins from Catholic University who is captained by JIM SNYDER. Catholic University was led by Eric Geiger, who had a pinfall of 318. Nice going for Eric and Catholic University in taking two wins.

St. Louis captain JEFF DANNER dropped 323 pins and helped make it possible to take three wins from Georgetown who is captained by AL MOCCIO. Al did knock-out 338 pins but could only see his team take one win. MICHELLE PISANO, cookbook star of this newspaper bowls with St. Louis did some decent bowling with a pinfall of 291.

Loyola's team captain EDDIE ANDERSON dropped 339 pins making it possible to take three wins from Boston College who is captained by BOBBY MOCCIO. Bobby did his best against his opponent Eddie with a pinfall of 288 but Eddie's 339 was far to strong.

There are two matches left before the end of the third round and of course, the championship playoffs.

Provin Mt. Farms And Agawam AA Set 'Flowers For Mom'

Agawam Athletic Association President Gerald J. Mason today announced that as part of the AAA's annual team picture and raffle day scheduled for Saturday, May 8th, 500 potted geranium plants will be on sale in honor of Mother's Day, Sunday, May 9th.

Mason said Provin Mountain Farms, owned and operated by Noel E. Brown and Sons, has donated the potted geranium plants for the sale.

All proceeds of the funds will go towards benefitting the Agawam Athletic Association and the approximately 2,000 town youth it serves each year.

Mark Brown of Provin Mountain Farms, located on Northwest Street, Feeding Hills, is a long time coach in AAA baseball and served as the organization's first 10-12 boys commissioner 11 years ago.

"I was very happy to donate these plants for the benefit of such fine organization," Brown said. "We hope residents will purchase these plants for their mother s to help celebrate Mother's Day."

Mason said the Brown family have "been very good to the AAA over the years." "This is typical of the type of support we receive from the merchants of our town," Mason said. "The Brown family should be commended for their worthy donation to the AAA and I am sure the parents and the youngsters appreciate it."

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Boys Tracksters Defeat Minnechaug For Third Victory

By Tom Lockwood and Chris Hout

The Agawam High boys track team gained their third win of the young season against a loss with a 87-68 decision over rival Minnechaug at Harmon Smith Field on Tuesday.

The Falcons were 11-1 last season and tied with the locals for league honors.

The Brownies grabbed eight of ten running events, including their first team mile relay victory in two years to put the Falcons away.

Ken Cuffee captured the 120 high hurdles race with a time of 17.98, Steve Young gained first place honors in the 330 low hurdles with his 44.23 showing and Mike Lazzazera won the 100 yard dash in 11.21.

Mike Wands won the 220 in 25.26, John Danaher captured the mile run with his time of 5.045 and Mike Hazen pulled away in the two mile run with his time of 11.13.3.

Agawam won the team re ay in 3:53.9, the first victory for the team in that event since the 1980 season.

The locals struggled through the field events but still had enough to get by thanks to victories by Jim Wagner in the pole vaulting event and John Losito in the high jump.

"I figured that the meet could go either way," said first year Coach Gus Young. "But we really came out strong in the running events and it carried us through the day, barely enough though."

"I know that Minnechaug isn't as strong as they have been in the past," Young continued, "but it's still a very nice feeling to beat them. They have been awfully tough in this area for quite some time."

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Expanded League On Tap

Slo-Pitch League To Open Sunday

By Chris Hout

Two-time defending Agawam Men's Slo-Pitch softball league champs Bay State Oilers will be looking to grab their third consecutive "A" division title when the bell rings on Sunday, May 2 to signal the start of the 1982 Agawam men's slo-pitch league.

The Agawam league, known as the best of all softball league's in the area, has expanded to 33 teams this year with 17 games on tap for opening day at 1:00 p.m.

The A Division will contain eight very tough teams this season, including Bay State Oilers. The "B" National Division will have 16 teams and the "B" American Division will hold nine clubs.

"The league this season is a strong as I've seen in the past," said League President Jack Kunasek. "All the teams are ready to go and everyone thinks that they have a chance to win their respective leagues."

Each team will play 25 games during the course of the regular season which will conclude in August at which time the playoffs will begin.

Leading the way in the "B" National Division will be the BUCCANEER LOUNGE, a former A Division member until this season. The MOOSE Number One, another A Division defector, (calling themselves the Agawam A's) should also be tough.

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The B American Division seems to be really up for grabs with AGAWAM POLISH CLUB and the ITALIAN SPORTING CLUB getting the early season nods.

The A Division, by far the strongest of the three leagues, has been controlled by Bay State for the past two years and could result as a carbon copy this season due to the off-season pick-ups made by the club.

The Oilers, who were 27-4 in the Agawam league last season, and 73-24 in tournament play and 100-28 overall, didn't stay content with its personnel and went looking for more talent.

Team manager Jay Denver and player/coach Lenny Bruso went out and obtained the services of four solid ballplayers over the long winter.

Joining the Oilers this season will be veterans Richie Knowlton, a pitcher, catcher and outfielder; Earl Sherman, a third baseman; and Skip Sherman, a hard hitting extra-hitter and catcher.

Also coming to Bay State will be fleet footed Mike Jiles, a young outfielder/infielder with deceptive power.

"Granted, we were very strong last season," said Denver. "But we had a chance to improve our team with these players so we went out and got them. Those four guys should help the club tremendously. We've added to our team power, speed, defense and versatility with the acquisition's."

That all spells bad for the rest of the league.

Returning from last year's banner squad are outfielders Bobby Shanley (.482 average), Donnie Progulske (24 homers, 98 RBI's), Georg David (.464 average, 163 hits) and Zupo (.436 average, 71 RBI's.).

The infield is solidified by the return of shortstop Billy Brvant, second baseman Denny Smith and first baseman Dave Stepanien.

Bryant and Smith combine to form and outstanding double play combination. In addition to their fine defensive exploits, the duo fared well with the bat also. Smith led the team in hitting with a .473 clip and also led the squad in runs scored and in total hits.

Stepanien, the long time softball veteran, is still regarded by many to be the finest fielding first baseman in the Western Mass. area. He hit a healthy .430 last season from the left side of the plate. Stepanien can also pitch if needed.

But the battery for the most part of this season will be pitcher Lenny Bruso and catcher Dick "Crane" Williamson. Bruso, also the team sponsor and coach, did the bulk of the Bay State tossing last season and is expected to carry the heavy load once again this year.

Bruso hit .453 and "Crane", one of the premier long ball threats in the league, hit .405 with 25 homers and 117 RBI's last season. He led the team in the latter two departments.

FOLLOW THE ADVERTISER/NEWS each week for the latest scores, standings and write-ups in the AGAWAM MEN'S SLO-PITCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE.

Getting In Some Springtime Fishin'

For 11-year old Sue Martin and her pal, 13-year old Vikki Judkins, last week's beautiful spring weather and a week off from school brought them out to the local pond with rod and reel in hand to give the local fish a run for their money. Both say they are avid fishermen. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

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